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Final farewell to Hong Kong

Chinese promise to preserve laws and democracy

FROM DAVID WATTS AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

BRITAIN yielded Hong Kong, its most successful modern colony, to the Government of China last night in ceremonies which were by turns extraordinarily emotional and austere.

In the end, the handover from capitalist to communist state was carried through faultlessly — despite the bickering of the last few days — and Britain got the assurances it sought. President Jiang Zemin committed his country to "unswervingly administer" the joint agreement between the two countries, and to preserve Hong Kong's previous social system and its laws fundamentally unchanged.

Most importantly, the Chinese leader committed his country to allow Hong Kong to develop its democratic system in a manner suitable to the Hong Kong reality. Those were the words the Hong Kong people and the British representatives had hoped to hear. Once uttered, the atmosphere visibly warmed as Mr Jiang went on to reassure his audience that Hong Kong's importance as an economic centre would be maintained.

Earlier, the Prince of Wales, reading a message on behalf of the Queen, had put China on notice that its commitments under the Joint Declaration must be met. He said: "Hong Kong has shown how East and West can learn to live and work together. It has brought us together and enriched all our lives." Britain had been privileged to be responsible for the people, especially since Hong Kong had been so consciously successful.

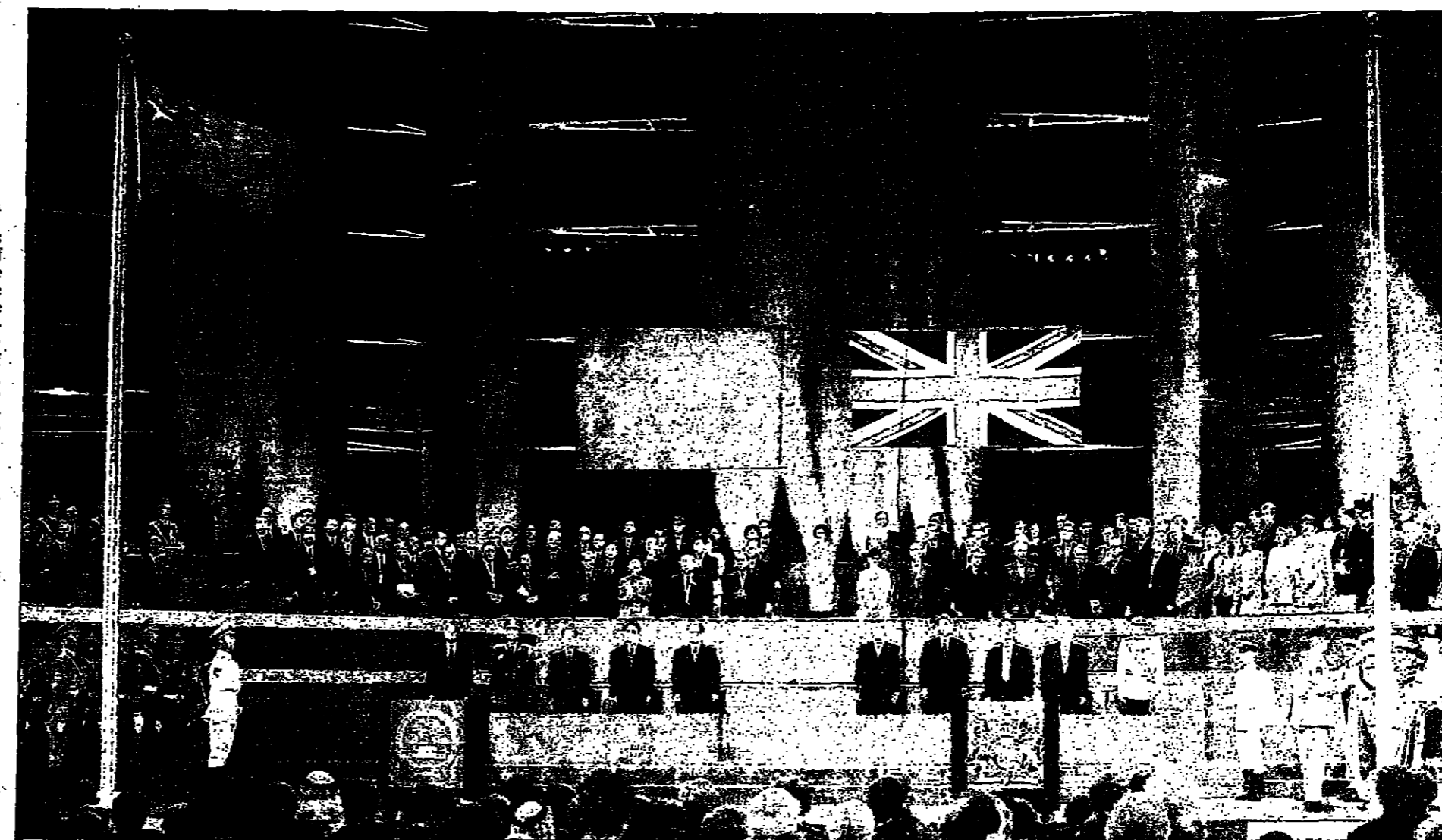
The most anxious moment in all the complexity of the arrangements for both sides

had been to ensure that, as midnight and the hour of handover approached, there should be five seconds before the winking hour between the Life Guards ending their rendition of *God Save the Queen* and the raising of the flag of China and the new Special Administrative Region. Five seconds for the Chinese conductor to raise his baton for the national anthem. In the end, the Guards did him proud, ending 25 seconds early.

The ceremony had started with the Chinese in wide-eyed amazement at finding themselves on Hong Kong territory after 156 years of turbulent anti-imperial history and not a little afraid of the reception they might get. It was brief and austere, as the Chinese had wished, with the formal lowering of the Union flag and the raising of the flag of the People's Republic of China and the new flag of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, but it ended with President Jiang using the English of which he is so proud to chat with Prince Charles. They strolled away from the central dias apparently perfectly at ease.

The deed done, the official party moved off swiftly to the waterfront and *Britannia*, where the now former governor, Mr and Mrs Patten said goodbye to a mass of friends waiting to see them off. Soon *Britannia* was gone and heading for Manila at the close of an extraordinary era in British history.

The day had begun with the first of a series of formal ceremonies: a moving moment as the governor and his family left Government House for the last time. Chris Patten accepted the folded Union Flag in front of Government House while his daughters, their faces drained, looked on. His staff in tears, the pipers played *Highland Cathedral*, the governor's favourite song. There was no speech from the departing leader; none was



The moment 156 years of British rule came to an end: the Union flag is lowered and China's flag raised. President Jiang Zemin of China declared that it was "a new dawn"

Tears and rain mingle as the retreat is beaten

FROM SIMON JENKINS IN HONG KONG

THE party is over. The British rule in Hong Kong ended on the dot of midnight last night, in torrential rain but with dignity and panache. The Last Post had been sounded, the Retreat Beaten.

The weather was awful but the ceremonial superb. The Pacific Empire went out on the completion of a property contract, in a swirl of pipes and a rattle of drums. The massed bands defied the thunderstorms sweeping down from The Peak, and played *The Day Thou Gavest Lord Has Ended*. The flag dipped and a lone pipe played the lament. The audience sang *Auld Lang*

Syne, the tears mingling with the rain. The Governor admitted he had long run out of handkerchiefs. Tony Blair looked bemused, the Prince of Wales merely wet.

Whoever planned the surrender date of the Hong Kong lease clearly failed to remember the monsoons. The outdoor ceremony was supposed to have been cancelled in the event of rain. Yet as the clouds which had hovered all day over the colony duly broke, the organisers went ahead. Never in the history of diplomacy can so much power and money, so many beautiful suits and dresses, have been so thoroughly soaked to the skin.

The ceremony was lifted unchanged from every retreat-

from-empire textbook. It was middle-brow to the last. Local children danced inside dragons and paraded as three tokens of modern Hong Kong, as world currencies, microchips and academic gowns. Dame Gwyneth Jones acted Vera Lynn, with *I'll See You Again*. Brian Blessed gave a potted history of the place. The orchestra played Elgar. The Prince of Wales made a dull speech, standing in what appeared to be a waterfall. The Governor made a moving one.

Mr Patten said he was the twenty-eighth and last to hold his office. "Hong Kong people are now to run Hong Kong," he said. "That is the promise and that is the unshakable

destiny." The Patten edge was there to the end. Hong Kong must have political liberty and economic freedom, but for that they must now look to themselves.

Mr Patten was cheered to the skies. He has been a popular Governor and never more so than of late. He offered Hong Kong's democratic leaders a taste of what they should have had long ago. Politicians who once accused the British of knowing nothing to Beijing are doing so no longer. The tit-for-tat boycotts of last night's banquet and government inauguration are an ironic measure of Mr Patten's success. He has made politics matter in Hong Kong. The *South China Morning*

Post's last poll, conducted this week, has 50 per cent of Hong Kongers saying they would still prefer to remain British, and shows Mr Patten's stock rising to the end.

Yet China's claim is rightful. As the guests moved from the sudden parade ground to the huge new convention centre, the Chinese leadership arrived to assert it. They were greeted

by a stupendous fireworks display, punching galaxies of stars into the gloomy clouds and showering firestorms down on Kowloon. The Chinese are promising an even bigger display tonight, with five times more tonnes of gunpowder being hoisted aloft, and helped by five times the leverage on

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Players cut up rough over Centre Court

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

WIMBLEDON last night admitted calamity over the state of Centre Court after complaints by leading players following weeks of heavy rain.

Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Tim Laverne said the surface was less firm than on the neighbouring No 1 Court, and Jana Novotna, the former women's finalist, claimed the grass was "badly damaged".

Throughout the first week players were seen prodding the surface with their rackets after apparently being surprised by the bounce. After his straight sets victory over the Zimbabwean Byron Black yesterday Sampras, the top men's seed, confirmed he found the bounce uneven. "I've never seen Centre Court so chopped up, obviously because of the rain and all the play on it. It's hard. There are areas where there's no grass. It's like cement," he said.

The All England Club admitted the grass on Centre Court was softer and "more susceptible to damage" than in previous years. A spokesman blamed excess moisture created inside the heavy covers that had to be left on before and during the tournament.

Eddie Seaward, the head groundsman, said last night: "I am obviously concerned but once the moisture has dried out, I am confident the court will become firmer, look better and continue to perform well."

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Spending pushes pound to high

The pound rose to a five-year high against the German mark as strong consumer spending data pointed to another increase in interest rates. Dealers continued to sell other European currencies amid renewed concern over the viability of monetary union.

The pound was boosted by figures showing consumer credit growing by £1.1 billion in May, the second-largest increase on record — Page 27

More BA staff vote for strike

TGWU ground crew workers joined cabin crew in a vote for strike action against British Airways, threatening to ground the airline at the height of the holiday season. Shop stewards will meet today to decide on action in protest at the selling off of the airline's catering operation.

Ellm Juninho

Middlesbrough have accepted an £11 million offer from Tottenham Hotspur for their 24-year-old Brazilian midfielder player, Juninho. Atlético Madrid are also after him and are willing to meet the asking price. Page 46

Doctors sound alarm over 'emergencies only' scenario

BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS will be able to handle only emergencies this winter, with seriously ill patients touring the country in ambulances to find one of the few available intensive care beds, doctors leaders said yesterday. Even a mild influenza epidemic could cause chaos.

Giving warning that the National Health Service faced the gravest crisis in its 50 years, doctors from round the country told the annual conference of the British Medical Association that there was no spare capacity to cope with the inevitable extra winter demand on services.

Dr Sandy Macara, the chairman, said that even in last year's mild winter, waiting lists had to be allowed to rise to protect emergency admissions. The winter ahead would be far worse, said Jim Johnson, chairman of the hospital consultants committee. All non-emergency work would have to stop until the spring, hospital corridors and even ambulances could be filled with patients queuing

for trolleys. "The pressures we shall have to face this winter will be the worst ever, with financial projections for the next two years which make it at best unclear how the NHS can continue to function," he told the conference.

The doctors rejected any idea of charging patients for care, and laid down a clear pre-Budget marker that the Treasury must find more money to prevent a doomsday

scenario reducing the service to a minimum.

The doctors also wanted a better pay deal. "Our new political masters must not continue to mistake dedication to our patients as signifying passivity," Dr Macara said to warm applause. "We cannot continue to be forced to work in a system in which the pressures are those of a business-driven enterprise while the rewards are those of a care-driven service."

Evan Harris, a junior doctor and newly elected Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said he was living proof that the public would vote for someone who called for increased taxation to pay for health.

"We must have a proper debate and engage battle on fair direct taxation, which the Government, despite their claim to rule out nothing in their search for more money, appears to have excluded," he said.

"The Health Secretary is faced with two options: increased funding or continued crisis: this is Dobson's choice."

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The hospital were going to sew it back on but as it wasn't an emergency...

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Blair talks tough with Beijing leaders



HONG KONG HANDOVER
FROM JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL
CORRESPONDENT
IN HONG KONG

TONY BLAIR last night gave a warning to Chinese leaders that Hong Kong would be "destroyed" if Beijing did anything to undermine the Joint Declaration. Hours before the official handover, Mr Blair hardened his language. He admitted that he viewed the next few months with "trepidation and apprehension".

He made clear before his meeting with President Jiang Zemin of China that the new regime would need to stick to the spirit and the letter of the Joint Declaration or risk international condemnation.

He signalled his own concerns about the uncertainties of the next few months when the provisional legislature is put in place. "Whatever the emotional tugs, we have to look to the future. That is the reality. There is nothing else we can do," he said. "If we have to act, then the people of Hong Kong will expect us to mobilise international opinion. China must know Hong Kong will be destroyed if they try to undermine the Joint Declaration."

President Jiang attempted to allay Mr Blair's concerns at their meeting, which lasted for 40 minutes last night. He even invited the Prime Minister to visit China. Mr Blair accepted the invitation but it is unlikely that he will take up the offer this year. However, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, may make an earlier visit.

Before he arrived in Hong Kong, Mr Blair had made much more cautious remarks about any potential abuse of power by the Chinese after the handover. But last night he toughened his tone after a meeting with Tung Chee-hwa, the new Chief Executive, be-



People's Liberation Army troops listen to speeches in Shenzhen yesterday before crossing the border to their Hong Kong posting, where President Jiang Zemin, below, was being welcomed

fore he met President Jiang and Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister.

"It is a momentous occasion for Hong Kong, for Britain and for the Chinese," said Mr Blair. "We would be dishonest if we did not say that it is a very strange feeling for us and one which we approach with trepidation." Before his meeting with the Chinese leaders he underlined the importance

of good relations between the countries, particularly in regard to human rights. "Britain is the best guarantor of the liberties that the people of Hong Kong have," he said. "Britain expects them to keep to the terms of the agreements. If that is put at risk the Chinese would be putting the whole stability of Hong Kong in jeopardy."

Earlier, at his meeting with

Mr Tung, Mr Blair welcomed the Chief Executive's assurance that free and fair elections would be held within a year. And he received a guarantee from Mr Tung that elections would be held by next May at the latest and that they would be both free and fair. "That is an important step forward," Mr Blair said. He had made clear that he was keen to embark on a "new

beginning" in the relationship with China but based on a clear adherence to the Joint Declaration. He told the Chinese leaders that he had no desire to fight old battles again but he also pointed out the importance of the declaration and the impact both on Britain's own position and international opinion if this was not adhered to.

Earlier, in unprecedented scenes, Mr Blair was mobbed by thousands of people in a shopping precinct. The Prime Minister and Chris Patten, the Governor, were cheered and applauded at an impromptu walkabout.

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Mainland welcomes the first of 'three steps forward'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE
IN BEIJING

"WHAT does it matter to us common people whether Hong Kong comes back now or not?" asked a 32-year-old man here yesterday. "It only makes a difference to the [Communist] Party. For the common people, those who eat vegetables will continue to eat vegetables, and those who eat rice will continue to eat rice." In other words, nothing will change in his life.

Chinese people have grown cynical over the years of official campaigns, be it the Great Leap

Forward, the 100 Flowers, the Cultural Revolution or the current relentless propaganda about the handover and President Jiang Zemin's "lofty mission" in Hong Kong. After all, no matter what Government was in power in Beijing, China would still have been resuming sovereignty over Hong Kong. It is not, *per se*, an achievement of the Party, although it is one that makes all Chinese proud.

British imperialism in China has had its glorious episodes, from the Opium Wars to the sacking of the Summer Palace in Beijing by British troops. However, it is hard to demonise the British in Hong

Kong, as the Japanese are demonised in China, or project them as oppressors. As a resident of Weihai, a former British treaty port, said recently: "The British did not massacre anyone."

Bai Shu Zhen, 57, lives in a hutong—a traditional grey-walled lane—just behind Tiananmen Square. Yesterday morning she was out trimming her rose bushes. "I go to Tiananmen every night for a walk, but tonight I can't go—it is closed," she said. "But my 21-year-old son will be dancing in the official ceremonies on the square, and I will be watching television. I'm happy that Hong Kong will

come back and I think the British will be just as happy as us, for it's the time to hand over Hong Kong to China. Hong Kong's prosperity isn't all because of Britain's work. Many Chinese, especially Hong Kong people, also made a contribution to that. I believe China itself will become more prosperous after the handover, but as to my own life, nothing will change."

Another group of women, standing together in a hutong near Capital Hospital, were in a good mood, planning how they would spend their three-day handover holiday. "During these three days," said one, "we will be watching

television, seeing the spectacular fireworks and walking in Tiananmen Square when it's not cordoned off."

"We are happy, while the British won't be happy at the handover," said another woman. "But Britain has done a good job in Hong Kong in every way. For instance, Britain has enhanced the living standards of the people."

Asked about the violent events in Tiananmen, most people say that they are "now in the past".

One woman said: "We have three steps to go—Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Hong Kong is the first step."



'We will take you home in our hearts' Tears and rain mingle as retreat is beaten

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necessary then. He was driven out of the gates of Government House for the last time to attend the British waterfront ceremonies with his wife. Barely an hour later, President Jiang's Boeing 747 touched down at Kai Tak airport, the first chairman of the Chinese Communist Party on Hong Kong soil.

The return of Hong Kong ends years of shame and humiliation which China endured at the hands of foreign powers. Pouring rain added to the poignancy of the reality

that the colonial power was giving up six and a half million free Chinese, who have built a city state 50 times richer than China's poorest province, to a totalitarian government from which most had originally fled. At the British waterfront ceremony, Mr Patten said: "We will take Hong Kong home in our hearts. You have been kind to us and you have made us welcome. Now Hong Kong people will run Hong Kong: that is the promise and that is the destiny."

Just as the British ceremony ended, the first batch of PLA

troops arrived at the border ready to move across.

Earlier in the day Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, received an assurance from his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, that the Hong Kong Police will be used for internal security and there is no question of the PLA soldiers being used for anything other than external defence.

Soon after the handover, the billionaire businessman Tung Chee-hwa, 60, was sworn in as the first chief executive of Hong Kong. The ceremony was boycotted by U.S. Secre-

tary of State Madeleine Albright and British ministers, in opposition to Beijing's decision to scrap the Legislative Council and replace it with an unelected provisional legislature.

Elections are possible next May. The leader of Hong Kong's popular Democratic Party, Martin Lee, defiantly served notice from the balcony of the council building that he would fight on for democracy. "We pledge to continue to be the voice of Hong Kong people—in or out of office—and to fight to get democracy back."

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local businesses to pay for it. The banquet was hosted by foreign ministers, since Chinese President Jiang had refused to be "paired" with the Prince of Wales rather than the Queen. As a result the meal took on something of a Rotary Club gala. A miracle of protocol contrived four top tables of 40 guests each, of identical placement status.

Chief care had to be taken of that most impenetrably sensitive group, the British Conservative Party. Baroness Thatcher had to be measured

from Sir Edward Heath, he from William Hague, he from Lord Howe, and he from Mr Patten. Saving the "face" of the Chinese politburo was child's play in comparison.

The dinner will go down as a classic of mass catering. Four thousands guests were champagne, canapés, seated and fed three courses inside two hours. The key was simplicity. Chinese food was banned as too complex.

From this the evening passed swiftly to anti-climax, the formal handover ceremony in the main convention

hall. By now Europeans were heavily outnumbered by Chinese. European familiars stuck out among them as if in a dream, seated apparently at random. There was Richard Branson, there Sir David Frost, there Rupert Murdoch, there Lord Hurd. Suddenly it was over. The People's Liberation Army goosestepped on stage, the Union Jack was lowered and the rasping mar-darin of President Jiang welcomed "a new dawn". By my

watch the British Empire shut up shop two minutes early. Back out in the rain, *Britannia* was already preparing to slip its moorings.

A few miles up the road, 4,000 PLA troops were preparing to move to the old Prince of Wales barracks, from which its motto had hurriedly been removed. At Government House they had already auctioned off the crockery. But the Rolls-Royce was left behind. It awaits a new owner.

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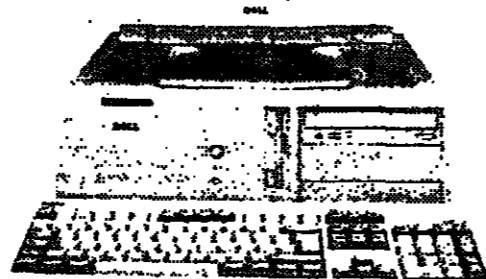
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Plain-speaking and tears from Patten



Chris Patten, the twenty-eighth and last Governor of Hong Kong, holds a folded Union flag as he receives an honour salute at Government House before his departure at yesterday's handover

BY JONATHAN MIRSKEY

CHRIS PATTEN bowed his head and wept at the farewell ceremony last night just after delivering his final words as Britain's twenty-eighth Governor of Hong Kong: "Now Hong Kong people are to run Hong Kong. That is the promise. And that is the unshakable destiny."

Mr Patten had been cheered to the echo around the Tamar naval parade ground by a crowd of 10,000, mostly Chinese. The Governor began his speech with the kind of plain-speaking about the opium trade that few of his predecessors ever ventured. Hong Kong's British chapter, he said, "began with events that from today's vantage point ... none of us here today would wish or seek to condone."

Then it was the turn of the Prince of Wales, dressed in naval uniform, to give the first of his two speeches before the Union flag was lowered. The heavens opened, soaking the bearskins and the sporrans of the soldiers arrayed before him, and making inaudible the shrieked orders of their officers.

The Prince spoke for five minutes on behalf of the Queen but his words were drowned in the torrential rain. Fortunately, the key words that we were all meant to hear — rule of law, pride, legacy of family and friendship, enduring ties, long history — appeared in large characters on a huge outdoor television screen.

The troops, members of Black Watch, Scots Guards, Royal Marines, Gurkhas, Navy, Army, and the Royal Air Force did what they do best when they are not fighting: marching and playing brisk music. There was also a lone piper.

With the floodlit *Briannia* lying alongside, and as the crowd got wetter and wetter and banged its feet to demonstrate its enthusiasm, it was possible momentarily to forget that power was truly passing elsewhere.

Tony Blair was holding a "bilateral" meeting with President Jiang Zemin in a hotel across the harbour. The Chinese leader was studiously avoiding any street demonstrations by also sailing across the water directly to the Convention Centre, the site of the handover. He would arrive just late enough to snub the banquet hosted by the British.

Friends see last governor off on sentimental journey

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKEY
IN HONG KONG

THE rain had stopped but there were plenty of teardrops last night on the quayside as Chris Patten — who less than an hour earlier had been the twenty-eighth Governor of Hong Kong — boarded the royal yacht *Briannia*.



HONG KONG HANDOVER

Mr Patten, his wife and three daughters, went along the line of well-wishers hugging and kissing most of

them. The Pattens and their friends were all in tears. One of the former Governor's bodyguards, Paul Yung, said: "I'm off duty now, but I'd save his life anytime."

There were clerks, secretaries, social secretaries and an aide de camp to the Governor, Paul Ellis, who said: "He was a lovely man, very warm. I can't say that for all the governors."

A Catholic nun, sister Marie, said: "I came here to wish them well. Mrs Patten was

one of our patrons at the hospice. She was very generous and always hands-on."

The wife of Han Dongfang, one of China's most famous dissidents, who has stayed behind despite the new rulers, waved goodbye to the Pattens. "My husband is out there in the city somewhere, I hope I'll see him soon," she said.

There had been some question as to whether the Chinese leaders would shake hands with Mr Patten. His present aide de camp, Lance Brown,

wearing his white uniform and plumed hat, said: "The Governor made President Jiang an offer he couldn't refuse. They shook hands."

As *Briannia* pulled away, taking the Governor and the Prince of Wales to the Philippines, 100 yards away a large crowd had assembled outside the Prince of Wales barracks, for many years the headquarters here of the British military. Two People's Liberation Army soldiers were standing guard at the gate.

Missed deadline: Journalists at Hong Kong's main English language newspaper, the *South China Morning Post*, were contemplating this morning after their entire computer system crashed within seconds of the official handover (Polly Newton writes).

The machines went down at two minutes past midnight, prompting semi-jovial speculation that the timing was not coincidental.

As final deadlines approached and there was no sign of normal service being resumed, one reporter on the paper said: "We are really pushing it now. It's the day that the paper has been waiting for for years and this has happened."

The *Post's* editor faced criticism in the months leading up to the handover for his decision to withdraw a cartoon strip, the *World of Suzy Wong*, which lampooned the Chinese administration in Beijing.

Prince gives pledge of further support

THE Prince of Wales, handing over British sovereignty over Hong Kong to China, last night said the triumphant success of Hong Kong demanded and deserved to be maintained. He said:

"This important and special ceremony marks a moment of both change and continuity in Hong Kong's history. It marks, first of all, the restoration of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China, under the terms of the Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984."

This ceremony also celebrates continuity because, by that same treaty and the many subsequent agreements which have been made to implement its provisions, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will have its own government, and retain its own society, its own economy and its own way of life.

I should like to pay tribute to those who turned the concept of 'one country, two systems' into the Joint Declaration, and to the dedication and commitment of those who have worked so hard over the last 13 years to negotiate the details of the Joint Declaration's implementation.

But most of all I should like to pay tribute to the people of Hong Kong themselves for all that they have achieved in the last century and a half. The triumphant success of Hong Kong demands — and deserves — to be maintained. Hong Kong has shown the world how dynamism and stability can be defining characteristics of a successful society. These have together created a great economy which is the envy of the world.

Hong Kong has shown the world how East and West can live and work together. As a flourishing commercial and cultural crossroads, it has brought us together and enriched all our lives.

Thirteen years ago the Gov-



The Prince yesterday: "Hong Kong has shown the world how East and West can live and work together"

ernments of the United Kingdom and the People's Republic of China recognised in the Joint Declaration that these special elements which had created the crucial conditions for Hong Kong's success should continue. They agreed that in order to maintain that success, Hong Kong should have its own separate trading and financial systems, enjoy autonomy and an elected legislature, maintain its laws and liberties, and be run by the people of Hong Kong and be accountable to them.

Those special elements have served Hong Kong well over the past two decades. Hong Kong has coped with the challenges of great economic, social and political transition with almost none of the disturbance and dislocation which in other parts of the world have so often accompanied change on such a scale.

The United Kingdom has been proud and privileged to have had responsibility for the people of Hong Kong, to have

provided a framework of opportunity in which Hong Kong has so conspicuously succeeded, and to have been part of the success....

In a few moments, the United Kingdom's responsibilities will pass to the People's Republic of China. Hong Kong will thereby be restored to China within the framework of 'one country, two systems'....

China will tonight take responsibility for a place and a people which matter greatly to us all. The solemn pledges made before the world in the 1984 Joint Declaration guarantee the continuity of Hong Kong's way of life.

For its part, the United Kingdom will maintain its unwavering support for the Joint Declaration.

Our commitment and strong links will continue, and will, I am confident, flourish, as Hong Kong and its people continue to flourish.

Gloomy expats hear last Archers episode

FROM DAVID WATTS
IN HONG KONG

FORGET the imported Mars bars and newspapers: what will really leave British expatriates culturally deprived is the ending of *The Archers*.

Last night the last instalment went out and from now on, fans will have to have taped or dubious editions sent out from Britain.

"It's my routine every night," said one desperate expatriate wife. "As soon as I come through the door I turn it on."

The British Forces Broadcasting Service ceased its service at midnight and yesterday was busy packing its equipment into containers for shipment back to Britain.

Radio Television Hong Kong has decided not to pick up the option because the series is thought to be too politically incorrect. But with skilful blending of government and agricultural propaganda, surely a Phil Archer with Chinese characteristics could do wonders for the propaganda department in Beijing.

For those expatriates who do not know Tom Brokaw from Dan Rather, there will still be the BBC World TV Service on cable.

There was a last-minute rush of weddings in Hong Kong at the weekend as some tied the knot in the last 48 hours of colonialism.

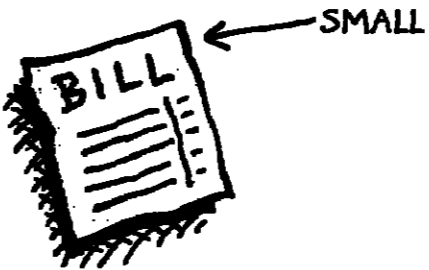
Altogether, 209 received the last marriage certificates topped with the Crown, including a British couple — Claudia Denio, who grew up in the colony, and Alexander Matheson, a Scot who turned up in his kit for "a day worth remembering".

Sentiment apart, the future of marriage under the new government is one of the great unknowns of the new era. Hong Kong couples are used to having two children — but under mainland rules that is strictly taboo.

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Millions mute as curtain falls on final act

AFTER the departure of princes, presidents, prime ministers and governors — together with the horde of instant-expert anchor-persons transmitting truth and portentousness — the images remain.

CBS television last week broadcast "exclusive" footage of 50 smartly uniformed members of the hand-picked Chinese garrison learning English. Their caps aligned before them, the soldiers chorused that day's mantra: "Please show me your identity card."

A second image: Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party, one of Hong Kong's most admired politicians, who loses his seat in the old wholly elected Legislative Council. Mr Lee was trawling round a chic pre-handover party for "anyone who can show me how to climb up a ladder — elegantly, of course".

Always impeccably dressed, he intended to defy a ruling by the new administration, barring him from the balcony of the Legislative Council building, by climbing up its facade with the world's television cameras on him, to give a speech to his supporters below. This media nightmare concentrated the minds of the new authorities, who said at the last minute that Mr Lee could appear without using a ladder.

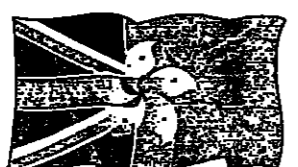
Another image: the priest at Chris Patten's parish church reminding the congregation that Jesus said, "I come not to be served but to serve", and saying to Mr Patten: "You leave us with a shining example of how those words can be applied ... on the highest levels of secular authority."



When the after-images of ceremony fade, the focus will turn on a silenced majority, writes Jonathan Mirsky

But there remains another larger, blurred impression which drives many visiting journalists to wonder what "the story" of the handover has been, apart from the constant events set up for the media and the parties for the rich and the glamorous.

The large blur is the majority of Hong Kong's 6½ million Chinese people. They are the only British colonial subjects never prepared for an independence for which they were



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wholly suited. Instead, they were handed back according to treaty, without consultation, to the country from which most of them or their parents and grandparents fled.

For weeks they have appeared impassive and bland, going about their business like the citizens of mainland Chinese cities during periods of strain such as the Cultural Revolution, when people were afraid to shut their eyes at night because of what they might be overheard saying in

their sleep; or as people appeared as they walked past stadiums during the "strike hard" campaigns as "criminals" were being executed.

In Hong Kong, in the days before the handover, people crowded to work in the central office district, the men in their modern Western suits, women in tailored jackets and mini-skirts, talking into mobile phones and checking their expensive watches. In the rural New Territories they flew Chinese red flags in places where not long ago they displayed others, from Taiwan.

Everywhere they bought handover kits — glasses, watches, T-shirts — bearing the 97 logo designed to give a go-ahead impression, and the new Hong Kong symbol, the modest (and sterile) bauhinia blossom, and took pictures of each other before colonial symbols such as Government House. They asked foreigners if we were going to leave after the handover and if we said no they smiled slightly. It was all very orderly.

As Chris Patten says, Hong Kong is one of the most peaceful cities in the world, a place where even a politically divided legislature is so courteous that it would be the envy of Westminster. He asks where the "instability", to which the new administration constantly refers, is to be seen,



A crowd cheers Chris Patten as he is driven away from Government House, his official residence, for the last time. To the surprise of some, he broke with tradition and failed to perform the "I will return" ritual in which departing governors circle the drive of the residence three times

and who the "people out there" are, mentioned often by Tung Chee-hwa, the new Chief Executive, and supposedly ready to destabilise Hong Kong.

The answer to Mr Patten's question, and the focus of Mr

Tung's fears are the people of Hong Kong. Beneath their calm, pleasant demeanour is another level, the one in which they harbour the beliefs they reveal to pollsters. As Mr Patten observed on Sunday, to

insist that Hong Kong people care only for money "is to demean them". Many do not want to be part of China or even think they are "Chinese"; they say they are "Hong Kong Chinese", or simply "Hong Kong people".

In 1989, after the Tiananmen Square killings, hundreds of thousands marched in protest and this year, on June 4, despite Mr Tung telling them to ignore the past, 60,000 of them took their candles to a Tiananmen vigil.

A majority of those questioned, where no one can overhear, despise the new appointed Legislative Council. In 1995 more than a million voted for its abolished predecessor, in a majority so large that if this were a real democracy Mr Lee would be prime minister — the very Mr Lee described as "a bad-mouther" by Mr Tung and a "black hand" by Beijing.

Traditionally, Chinese have admired those who speak truth to power: the mandarin

who tells off the emperor and is beheaded, the poet who writes an oblique poem bewailing an unjust regime. In the modern period, the Chinese once admired Mao, and later the investigative journalists who went to prison for exposing his excesses. Nowadays in Hong Kong, the prison letters of Wei Jingsheng, China's best-known political prisoner, sell briskly.

Mr Tung is quite right: there are indeed "people out there".

Chinese keep options open with property in London

BY KATHERINE BERGEN

ESTATE agents expect Hong Kong Chinese buyers to continue to show interest in central London property even after the handover to China.

Interest from Hong Kong in the London residential market began to escalate in the early 1980s and now many buy property unseen without even visiting Britain.

Lorna Vesley of Knight Frank said that since 1992 Hong Kong Chinese had played a significant part in the recovery of the central London property market with purchases mainly of flats in new developments as letting investments.

"The rate of buying has

somewhat eased in the past few weeks, as their concerns are with events at home, but we expect that the Chinese influence in London will be every bit as long-lasting as the British influence has been in Hong Kong."

Jonathan Seal of Hamptons International said sales over the past year had been due principally to the handover. The investment and development wing of the company has staged 18 exhibitions in Hong Kong in the past six months and sales to Hong Kong Chinese clients account for around 65 per cent of properties sold.

"Around 90 per cent of

these clients are buying to invest in homes they can rent out. It is an upward trend growing on the back of the strong lettings market and we expect it to continue."

Agents agree that a "bolthole" option is only a secondary consideration for the Hong Kong Chinese buyer. Justin Shingles of Strutt & Parker said they would rather invest overseas than expose their money to possible risk at home. "These properties are nearly always for renting out but could be used to live in if it came to it," he said. "We expect interest in the London market to go up after the handover."

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Crash mother learns of children's deaths

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A CRITICALLY injured woman thrown from the wreckage of a car crash cradled her newborn baby in hospital yesterday as distraught relatives broke the news that her husband and two young sons had been killed in the accident.

The wife of a wealthy farmer, Susan Cole, 35, who was nine months pregnant, was taken to hospital where she had an emergency Caesarean section within an hour. The 9lb 9oz boy was born safely.

Last night police confirmed that the 25-year-old driver of the lorry that had been in collision with the family's Ford Sierra head-on had failed a breath test at the scene. He remained under arrest last night.

Mrs Cole was told that her husband of eight years, Andrew, 37, and sons Henry, 4, and George, 2, were dead. Her daughter, Grace, 6, survived the crash on a country road at Chadwell St Mary, Essex, and was said to be stable in



Baby Cole yesterday. He was born after the crash

hospital. She had not been told of the death of her father and brother.

The dead man's father, Alan Cole, 68, said at the family's 18th-century stone farmhouse: "They had just been shopping. My daughter-in-law had birth pains, so they had been to the local supermarket to restock the pantry before she went into hospital. This is devastating." The family were less than a quarter of a mile from home when the crash hap-

pened on Sunday afternoon.

Michael Martin, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Basildon Hospital, said: "I got a telephone call to say she had been admitted after an horrendous traffic accident. She had serious injuries and the baby was showing signs of distress."

Two teams of surgeons conducted the Caesarean section before operating on her injuries, which included severe bleeding of the liver, bruising

to other organs, pelvic damage and lacerations to her head.

Mr Martin said: "The baby would not have survived if it had not been promptly delivered. The mother was critical, but after the birth we were able to stabilise her condition. She has seen and held her newborn baby. She is coping, but will have to take the trauma step by step."

Last night Mrs Cole was said to be in a stable condition under sedation in intensive care. Her surviving daughter, who received a minor fracture of the pelvis and scalp wounds, remained under observation but was said to be recovering.

The driver of the lorry and a 28-year-old male passenger in the cab were unhurt. A spokesman for D H A Freight of Markyate, Hertfordshire, said: "We are deeply shocked to learn that a vehicle of ours was involved in a fatal crash. The vehicle was in the custody of a new employee who had collected it on Saturday. He was not on company business at the time. Our thoughts are with the family concerned."



Tracie Andrews leaving court after the opening day of her trial yesterday

Tracie Andrews trial opens

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

TRACIE ANDREWS appeared at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday at the start of the trial into the murder of her 25-year-old fiancé Lee Harvey, who was stabbed to death on a country lane at Alvechurch, near Birmingham.

Miss Andrews, 27, of Alvechurch, was arrested on December 7 last year and later charged with his murder. She arrived at court in a prison van and sat in the dock to see the jury sworn in. The prosecution is scheduled to begin its opening argument today. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Miss Andrews, who worked as a barmaid before her arrest, has been staying at the home of her mother, Irene Carter, in Alvechurch, on the same estate as the home she shared with Mr Harvey. Her mother and stepfather Alan Carter are taking care of her six-year-old daughter.

Mr Harvey was attacked on December 1. He received multiple stab wounds to his neck, face, back, head and body.

Sex abuse couple try to silence the police

By LIN JENKINS

A COUPLE convicted of "horrific" paedophile offences, who have had to leave four homes since leaving prison, yesterday sought the protection of the law. They claimed in the High Court that the police had exceeded their powers and unlawfully had them evicted from a caravan site in North Wales, forcing them to live an itinerant life like "subgypsies".

Stephen Solley, QC, was launching a test case in which the married sex offenders are asking the court to rule that a policy introduced by North Wales Police, under which the public is told when paedophiles are in their area, is contrary to their rights and unreasonable. The couple are seeking an injunction restraining the police from their policy of releasing information about them.

The police claim that the couple were made to leave the caravan site only to protect children who were likely to visit during the Easter holiday.

The case will help to clarify the law on the conflict between a parent's right to know when a child abuser is living near by and the offender's right to privacy and the chance of rehabilitation. Other police forces are awaiting the outcome before deciding whether to adopt similar policies of naming paedophiles.

Mr Solley told the High Court that police had shown the owners of the caravan site newspaper reports about how the couple were hounded out of their previous home in Colwyn Bay. The reports gave details of their conviction in 1989. Lord Bingham of Cornhill reserved judgment.

Girl, 8, is expelled for 'crime' of father

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A GIRL aged eight has been expelled from a private school in Merseyside because her father was questioned by police in connection with an alleged drugs offence.

Olivia Avis, who attended the McKee School in Allerton, Liverpool, was told to change into her outdoor shoes, was put in a taxi and sent home unaccompanied into the care of her sick 13-year-old sister.

She knew nothing of her father's alleged crime because her mother, who is separated from him, had been waiting for the best time to break the news to her.

Olivia's place at the school came into question as news spread among parents of the appearance before magistrates in Manchester of Edward Avis, who was accused of conspiring to import a controlled drug. Pamela McKee, the head teacher, said she expelled the girl because she was under pressure from other parents who were threatening to withdraw their children. She admitted she was wrong to send her home unaccompanied.

Elizabeth Avis, 36, Olivia's mother, from Childwall, said she was appalled by the school's behaviour and considered it outrageous her daughter could be punished for something her father was alleged to have done.

She said: "Olivia was terrified and crying her eyes out when she was put in the taxi. They put my daughter under serious risk by sending her home alone to a house that would have been empty if my other daughter had not been sick."

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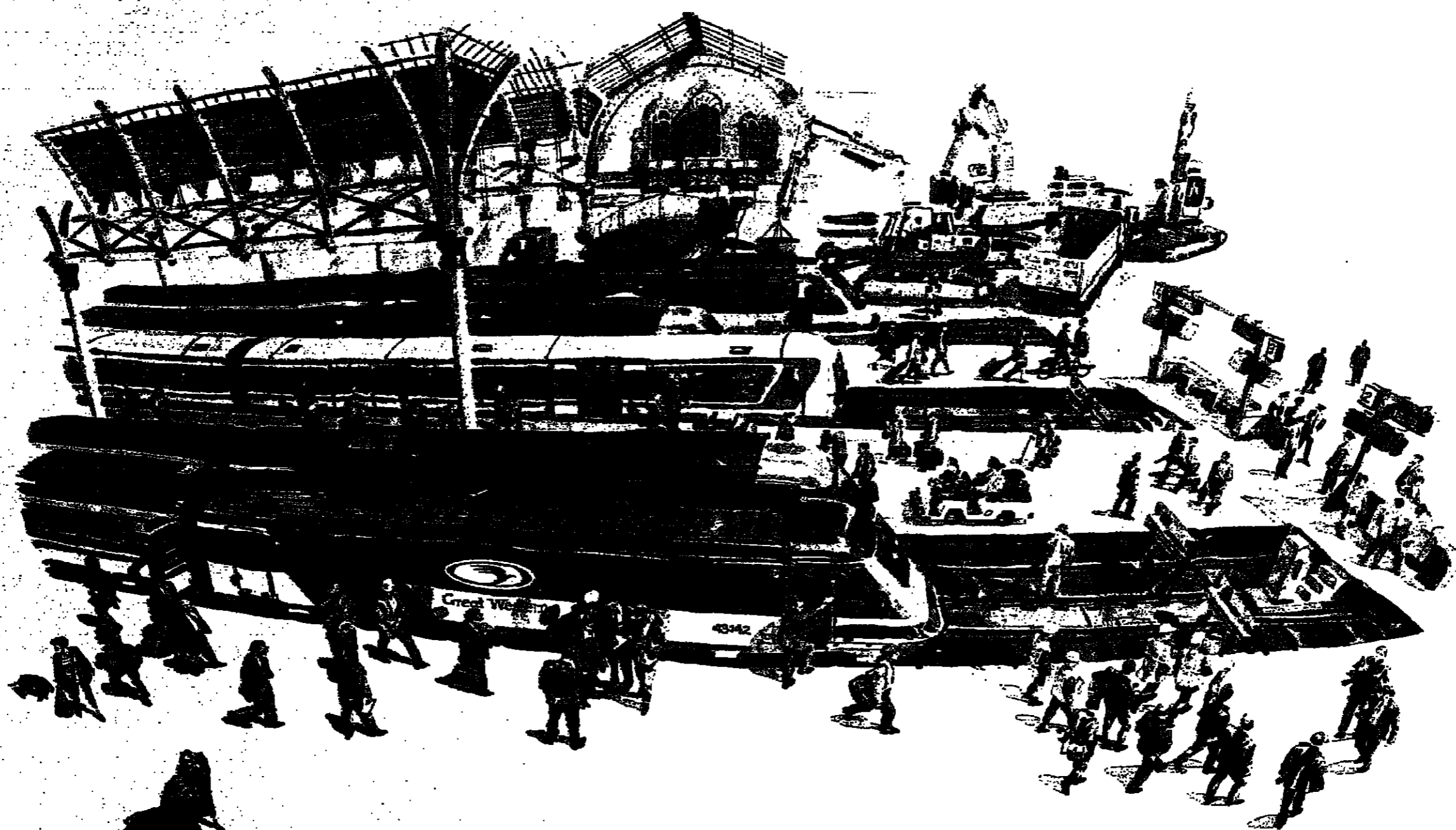
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BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

Sandy Macara, BMA chairman, said only extra funds could improve care

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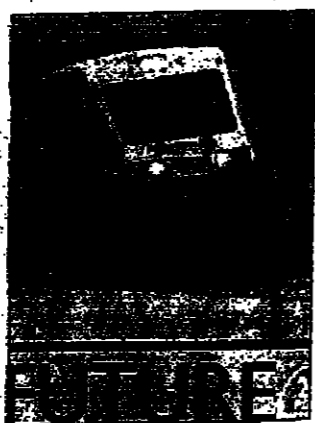
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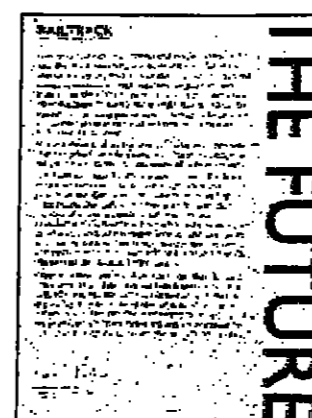
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'Moonlight' major's kidnap drama

The story of a daring mission to seize a German general is told in declassified SOE papers. Michael Evans reports

SECRET files released yesterday tell the full story of one of the most dramatic incidents of the Second World War, the special Operations Executive mission to kidnap a German general in Crete.

The escapade was later turned into a feature film, *Ill Met by Moonlight*, starring Dirk Bogarde. It was one of many SOE operations in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and Yugoslavia that involved derring-do by legendary figures.

In a highly classified report, SOE officer Major Paddy Leigh-Fermor described leading the team that captured General Heinrich Kreipe, divisional commander in Crete, in April 1944.

Major Leigh-Fermor, formerly of the Intelligence Corps, and Captain 'Billy' Moss, from the Coldstream Guards, were backed by seven Cretan agents. They later informed the German authorities that the general was in good hands and would be treated as "an honourable prisoner of war".

The report was written in the language of an officer who



Leigh-Fermor: drove through 22 roadblocks

kept his sense of humour, despite the appalling risks he and his team took. General Kreipe was commander of the 22nd Sebatopol (Bremen) Division. The SOE mission was to capture him and take him back to Britain.

Major Leigh-Fermor, who lives in Greece, described leaving for Heraklion dressed in a shepherd's costume to find the best ambush spot on the road

between the German divisional HQ at Archanes and Knossos. He found a location where there was "a sharp twist in the road" that would force any vehicle to slow considerably. The plan was to seize the general under cover of darkness.

They had arranged an elaborate system to warn of the approaching car. An agent called Elias, parked near the German HQ, signalled with "one torch flash" to a scout further down the road. His job was to set off an electric bell at the "half a kilometre of flex" which was the signal for the final scout to flash his torch at the SOE end.

On the night of the kidnap the general appeared at 9.30pm. Major Leigh-Fermor wrote: "Moss and I waved red lamps up and down and the car stopped and we walked towards the two doors, drawing our pistols." The SOE major opened the right door, waved his torch inside and saw the general sitting beside the chauffeur. "He was easily recognised by his tabs, medals and iron crosses."

While he was asking the general for his papers, Captain Moss opened the other door, struck the driver hard with a life preserver, took him by the shoulders and threw him out to the waiting Cretans. Captain Moss then jumped into the driver's seat. Major Leigh-Fermor grabbed the general, handcuffed and bound him, and put him in the back of a car next to three Cretans with sub-machine-guns and knives.

Major Leigh-Fermor says: "I put on the general's hat and sat in his seat beside Moss,



General Kreipe, played by Marius Goring in *Ill Met by Moonlight*, is helped by Patrick Leigh-Fermor (Dirk Bogarde, right) and Billy Moss (David Oxley) as they make their way over the mountains to be picked up by boat

who started up the engine and headed for Heraklion." They drove through 22 roadblocks, ignoring sentries who tried to stop them. The general "volunteered his word of honour not to escape."

The SOE men left a sealed letter addressed to the German authorities in Crete announcing the general had been taken prisoner by British officers and that by the time they read the contents, he

would be on his way to Cairo. When they abandoned the car, they left a British overcoat inside as corroborative detail.

The letter to the German authorities ended with the words *Auf baldiges Wiedersehen* (Goodbye, see you soon). They added a PS: "We are very sorry to leave this motor car behind."

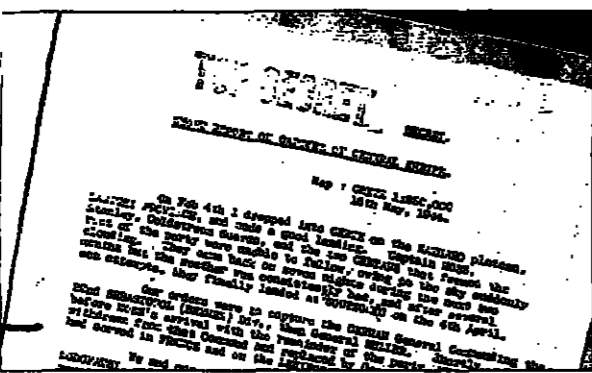
The secret document, dated May 16, 1944, recounts how they took the general on an

elaborate trek through the mountains to reach a beach in the south, where arrangements had been made by the SOE's Force-133 Unit for the Special Boat Service to pick them up.

Major Leigh-Fermor was awarded the DSO and Captain Moss the Military Cross. A Foreign Office note attached to Major Leigh-Fermor's report said: "It is really a magnificent exploit."

After the war, Patrick Leigh-Fermor wrote several highly-regarded travel books and three volumes of autobiography. But it was Billy Moss, who has died, who wrote the book on which the Michael Powell/Emeric Pressburger film was based.

The story, and many others, are detailed in the 969 declassified files released by the Public Record Office yesterday.



Major Leigh-Fermor's report of the general's kidnap

Diary entry, June 13, 1943: 'More plotting and conspiracy'

A DIARY by an SOE officer provides an extraordinary insight into the character and temperament of the men whose role in the Second World War was to carry out sabotage operations behind enemy lines and to support resistance movements.

Major David Smiley, who operated covertly in Albania, filled the diary with anecdotes and descriptions that belied the danger he and his fellow officers faced, first from the Italians and then the Germans.

On Saturday April 17, 1943, he wrote of leaving for Albania in a

Halifax aircraft with three other SOE officers, including Lieutenant Colonel Billy McLean. "Left 8.30pm, read *Horse & Hound* on the plane."

When they parachuted at between 2,000ft and 3,000ft, Major Smiley and Lieutenant Colonel McLean nearly collided on the way down. Major Smiley landed "very badly" and tore a muscle. His diary recorded: "Warmly greeted by a guerrilla with a beard who kissed me on both cheeks and lifted me up."

There are frequent references to food. At one location, they were given

a "colossal" dinner. At a place called Polican, he and Lieutenant Colonel McLean went to a wedding "where Bill and I kissed firstly the priest, secondly the Bible, thirdly the bride and fourthly the bridegroom."

By May 17, 1943, Major Smiley was in civilian clothes "like a partisan, with the red star in my hat and giving the Communist salute to whomever I met." He wrote: "I considered this very infra-dig from an officer of His Majesty's Royal Horse Guards!"

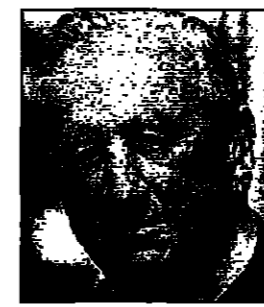
His diary entry for June 13 reads: "More plotting and conspiracy." A

message came through the same day that a wireless operator was being sent to join him. But instead of dropping the man close by, he landed the equivalent of a three-week walk away. By the time the operator arrived, he had lost most of his kit in a fight with the Italians "but he still had the wireless set."

In between laying mines, ambushing enemy troop trucks, training the local partisans and befriending Enver Hoxha, their leader, Major Smiley had time to appreciate the countryside and a few leisure hours. On Thurs-

day, September 8, he wrote: "Went fishing with gelignite but only got two very small trout."

On November 5, 1943, with Albania in the hands of German occupying forces after the capitulation of the Italians, Major Smiley wrote in his diary that Lieutenant Colonel McLean had been shown the graves of 65 Italian officers. They had been "brutally murdered by the Huns". The villagers who had to bury them said: "Their hands had been tied and they had been machine-gunned and bayoneted to death."



Smiley: went fishing with gelignite

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hamilton asks for more time

The Standards and Privileges Committee of MPs will decide tonight whether to accept a request from Neil Hamilton, the former minister, to delay publication of Sir Gordon Dowd's report into the cash for questions investigation. It is expected on Thursday or early next week, but Mr Hamilton wants a chance to study its findings first.

Guns surrender

Shooters across Britain are expected to surrender up to 160,000 legally-held larger calibre pistols to police over the next three months, starting today. Ownership of larger handguns will be illegal after October 1.

Festival reward

The organisers of the Glastonbury Festival offered a £5,000 reward in the hunt for three men who attacked James O'Donnell, 26, from Merseyside, with baseball bats, leaving him critically ill in hospital.

£15m aid grant

A £15 million education grant to teach one million primary school children in Malawi is to be announced by the Government today. The money will pay for the recruitment of 46,000 primary school teachers.

Quiz returns

Radio 4 is to revive the 50-year-old *Round Britain Quiz*. It came off the air last year after the death of one of its two chairmen, Gordon Clough, but will return in August with the new presenter Nick Clarke in the role.

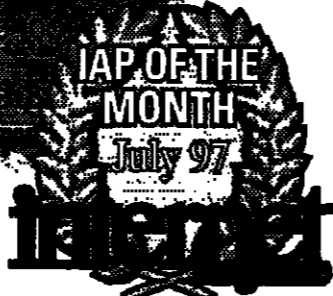
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Failure in basic school lessons haunts adult underclass for life

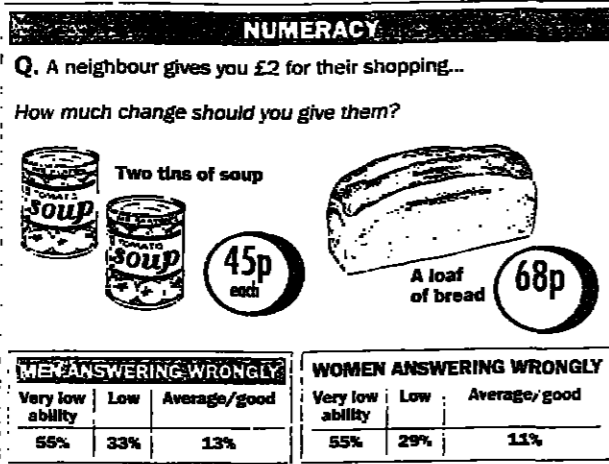
By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

LOW levels of literacy and numeracy have a damaging impact on almost every aspect of adult life, according to a survey published yesterday, which offers evidence of a developing underclass.

Tests and interviews with hundreds of people born in a single week in 1958 graphically illustrated the handicap of educational underachievement. The effects were seen in unemployment, family breakdown, low incomes, depression and social inactivity.

Those who left school at 16 with poor basic skills had been employed for up to four years less than good readers by the time they reached 57, Professor John Bynner, of City University, who carried out the research, said that today's unqualified teenagers would face even greater problems because the supply of manual jobs had dried up.

Almost one in five of the 1,700 people interviewed for yesterday's report had poor literacy skills and almost half

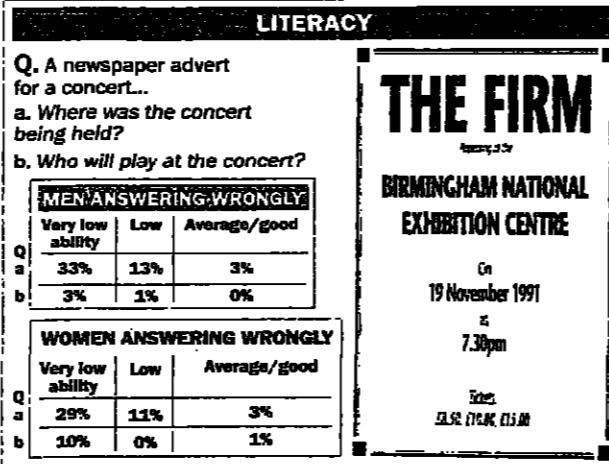


struggled with numeracy: a proportion in line with other surveys for the Basic Skills Agency. Some could not read aloud from a child's book, and most found difficulty in following written instructions.

Poor readers were twice as likely to be on a low wage and four times as likely to live in a household where neither partner worked. Women in this position were five times as

likely to be classified as depressed, while both sexes tended to feel they had no control over their lives, and to be less trusting of others.

Those with low literacy and numeracy skills were seldom involved in any community organisation and much less likely than others to have voted in a general election. There had been no improvement in the level of interview-



ees reporting problems since the sample was surveyed at the age of 21.

Alan Wells, the agency's director, said: "The results emphasise the dangers we face of developing an underclass of excluded people, out of work, increasingly depressed and often labelled by themselves as failures. There is a vicious circle of marginalisation, with the dice loaded

against these people and their families."

Last year, almost half of 11-year-olds left primary school without reaching the expected level in English and mathematics. Mr Wells welcomed ministers' commitment to improving basic skills. He said, however, that imaginative programmes were needed, possibly including incentives for participating, if the prob-

lems were not to persist in the adult population.

Only 300,000 people out of more than 5 million thought to have poor basic skills take remedial courses each year. Mr Wells said that a "major catch-up initiative" would benefit society as well as the individuals concerned.

"It is not just that 20 per cent have been getting nothing out of education in the last five years, but maybe 50 years," he said. "The long tail of underachievement is something we have always had."

The survey is part of the National Child Development Study, which has tracked 17,000 people at five-yearly intervals since 1958. The current study involved eight reading and nine mathematical tests of varying difficulty. They included the ability to use a Yellow Pages directory to find a plumber and calculating the floorspace of a room.

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Michael Hickey leaving court after admitting theft

Bridgewater Four man is fined £200 for stealing ring

By ADRIAN LEE

ONE of the men convicted of killing the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater stole a diamond ring while on bail awaiting the result of his appeal, a court was told yesterday.

Michael Hickey's crime was blamed on the extreme difficulty he had had coming to terms with his release from prison after 18 years. He was fined £200 at Birmingham Magistrates' Court, where he admitted theft. A charge of carrying an offensive weapon was dismissed after the prosecution offered no evidence.

Jim Nichol, solicitor for Hickey, 35, said: "There is a sense of deep despair which pervades his life, where he often finds himself in tears." He trusted "precisely nobody" and the joy of his release in February, when he kissed the ground outside the Court of Appeal, had not continued.

"That looked good, but the reality is considerably different," Mr Nichol said. Hickey had, so far, declined offers of help, including one from John McCarthy, the former Beirut hostage, and had not signed on for social security benefit. After the hearing, Hickey's mother, Ann Whelan, said: "He has got enormous hurdles in his way: he looked at life through mesh and bars for

nearly two decades. When you're in prison for something you didn't do, every day is torture. And we have to remember he went in as a teenager and he's got to learn to be an adult."

"He's just very sad at the moment. He did this to demonstrate that he's been thrown out without money. He didn't need to do it: he's got us, he's got friends."

The court was told that Hickey, of Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, was shown an 18-carat solitaire ring at a jeweller's in Birmingham. He tried it on, then ran from the shop but was chased and caught.

Tony Baker, for the prosecution, said Hickey had been with a group of men who decided to go shoplifting on June 7. "He said he would have given the ring to the lads to sell for him, and they would have gone for a drink together," Hickey was ordered to pay £55 costs.

□ In May the Court of Appeal reserved judgment on the appeal by Hickey and the two other surviving members of the Bridgewater Four. The High Court was told that the appeal was likely to succeed. Carl Bridgewater was shot when he interrupted a burglary in 1978.

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Darts stars let freedom go to their stomachs

Damian Whitworth on a bull's eye in the courts.

AT THREE minutes past 11 yesterday morning, the George pub across the Strand from the Royal Courts of Justice was full. It is not usually such a squeeze so soon after opening time but some of the world's top darts players, with their beer bellies and associated hangers-on, were out in force after hitting the bull's eye in a legal fight to be able to compete worldwide.

Fourteen players, including Eric "the crafty Cockney" Bristow, Dennis "the menace" Priestley, "Big" Cliff Lazarenko and their world champion Phil Taylor, had sued the British Darts Organisation, claiming it had an unfair monopoly on events.

When they broke away from the BDO in 1993 and formed their own organisation, the World Darts Council, they were banned from all BDO competitions. This, they ar-

gued, had made them pariahs, unable to earn a living from the game. After days of out-of-court negotiations, Andrew Hochhauser, QC, representing the players, told Mr Justice Potts that a compromise had been reached for "peaceful co-existence".

The WDC dropped its claim for damages and changed its name to the Professional Darts Council. In return, both sides agreed that players could participate in all competitions, whoever ran them, and take part in exhibition matches and promote and endorse darts products.

Eric Bristow, the former world champion and one of the best-known faces in the game, led the stampede to the pub afterwards. "This is a great day for the sport of darts," he said, knocking back a pint of Guinness.

The ban has been lifted.

The BDO and the WDC have made their peace. For the first time in four years I am free to play darts in competitions all over the world. The dark days are over — that must be good news for everyone."

For example, he said, the lifting of the ban on PDC players meant that he could now take part in exhibition matches with amateur pub and club players who, as BDO members, had been barred from competing with him.

This action was never about money but about our freedom to play who we liked on a local or international level, and where we liked."

The George did not have a darts board but the players had taken their own. Bristow expressed a keenness to challenge his QC, Mr Hochhauser, to a game.

A chant of "Hochy on the oche" went up but sadly the

silk, who had apparently never played darts before, failed to materialise and it was left to more expansive girths to take up the challenge.

A PR man for the new PDC tried at one point to remove the pint glasses from the

hands of the players as they posed for photographers. It was not the right image anymore, he murmured.

He was very swiftly and clearly put in his place. "What do you mean, we don't drink any more?" Bristow asked.

Absent from the party was Olly Croft, general secretary of the BDO and the chief power behind the organisation for many years.

Outside the court he said: "I am not disappointed at the result — I'm pleased. But it's a

shame this was not done years ago. We tried for months to get meetings but nothing got resolved."

There will continue to be two world championships. Because of the time overlap, players will not be able to

participate in both. Mr Croft said: "There will still be two world championships but the difference is that our champion will be champion of half a million players throughout the world. Theirs will be champion of 20-odd."



Defying image-makers who tried to remove their pint glasses, from left, Peter Evison, Eric Bristow, Dennis Priestley and Phil Taylor

Policeman is accused of sex and cash plot

By Richard Duce

A POLICE sergeant ran an extortion racket from a London police station, blackmailing prostitutes into giving him money and sex in a case that read like a bestseller, a court was told yesterday.

Linda Dobbs, for the prosecution, told Knightsbridge Crown Court: "This case is about sex, blackmail and corruption. You may think it has all the ingredients for a place at the top of the fictional bestseller list. But we are dealing with real life."

She said that Ian Vale, 37, convinced two prostitutes, Shirley Campbell and a woman known only as Miss L, that he was powerful enough to pull strings with the vice squad in return for thousands of pounds. He could offer them protection from prosecution and police raids. In fact he had no such connections, Miss Dobbs said, and was responsible for police supervision of the Earls Court exhibition centre. He had eventually been trapped when police taped him threatening one of the women.

Sergeant Vale had singled out his first victim, Mrs Campbell, in March 1993 after

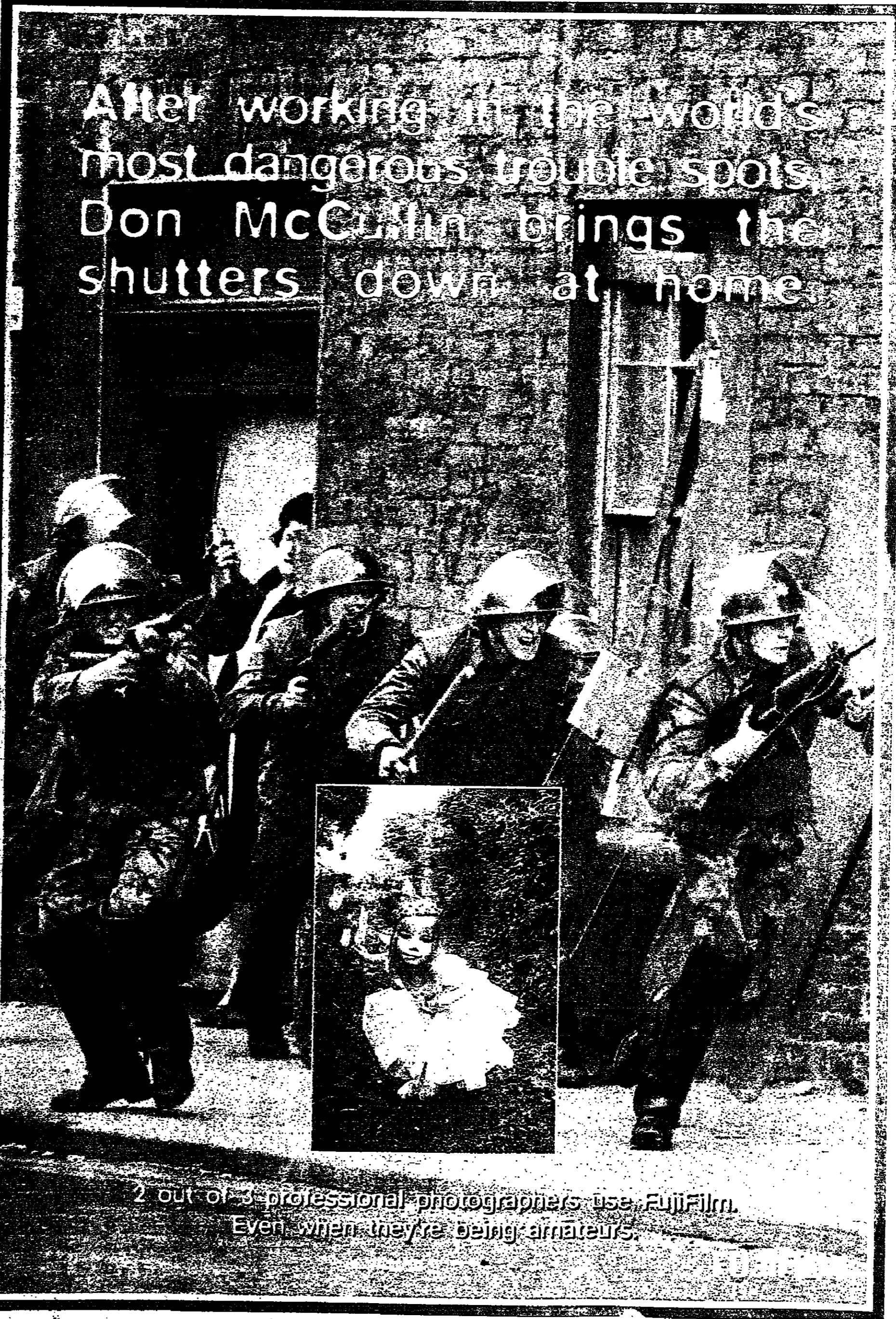
she was arrested at a house in Earls Court that neighbours had complained was being used as a brothel. After she was bailed, he had asked if she was interested in paying £1,000 a month and having regular sex with him as insurance against future raids. She had refused and Sergeant Vale had given her 48 hours to leave the property. He had no right or authority to do that, Miss Dobbs said.

Sergeant Vale was said to have turned Mrs Campbell to her new mistress and told her she would be prosecuted for running a brothel unless she paid him £5,000 and had sex with him. In June 1993, Mrs Campbell had handed over the money in a room at Kensington police station.

In March 1994, Miss Dobbs said, Sergeant Vale had told his second victim, Miss L, that in return for £300 a month, he would ensure protection for her. She had called in the police.

Sergeant Vale, of Claygate, Surrey, denies eight charges involving blackmail, corruption and the procurement of sexual intercourse by threats. The trial continues.

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Power station may be reopened to burn BSE cows

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

A REDUNDANT power station may be used to burn hundreds of thousands of tonnes of BSE-infected carcasses, turning them into electricity, Jack Cunningham, the Minister of Agriculture, said that energy companies had wanted to charge exorbitant sums for the job.

Buying or leasing a power station would be a way of recouping some of the huge costs of the "scandalous" mismanagement by the previous Tory administration of the BSE crisis, he said.

Speaking after opening the annual Royal Agricultural Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, Dr Cunningham said that the companies' proposed charges had been "off the scale". "One of the alternatives I have asked should be examined is whether we, the ministry, should not acquire a 'redundant' power station ourselves."

Last week the Environment

BEEF BAN

Burger King, Britain's second biggest burger chain, may follow McDonald's in ending a 15-month ban on British beef. David Williams, the company's managing director for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, is to meet the Agriculture Minister this afternoon to discuss the situation.

Agency said that cattle waste could be burnt alongside coal in power stations with negligible risk to public health. The chances of any person contracting CJD, the human equivalent of BSE, from exposure to power station emissions would be as low as one in 30,000 million, it said.

The Government is estimated to be spending more than £250,000 a week on storing 220,000 tonnes of meat and bone meal and 122,000 tonnes

of tallow at sites around the country. Several thousand more tonnes are added every week. The waste comes from slaughtering 1.5 million cattle older than 30 months since May of last year.

Older animals are regarded as more likely to be harbouring BSE. The peak of the slaughter has passed, as most farms have got rid of their backlog of older animals. But about 15,000 cattle, mainly elderly dairy cows, are still being culled every week.

Jeff Rooker, the Food Safety Minister, said there were several redundant coal-fired power stations that might be available. "If the waste is burnt at 850 degrees centigrade, the resulting ash is safe and can be disposed of in landfill sites," he said.

Earlier Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said he was outraged by the Government's decision to cut farmers' compensation for culling from £500 to £320 an animal.



Joshua Quigley and his mother Zoey, who said the hospital failed to explain how his delivery had damaged his scalp

Hair-loss boy sues hospital over birth

By FRANCES GIBB

A BOY aged two has won legal aid to sue an NHS trust after his birth by a method of delivery known as ventouse extraction left him partially bald.

Joshua Quigley of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, can only grow tufts of hair on part of his scalp after it was scarred by the increasingly common technique. A ventouse cap, which acts like a sink plunger, was used by staff at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital to deliver him.

It is alleged that the process ripped a layer of skin, containing hair follicles, from Joshua's head. Specialists have said it may never be possible for him to grow hair.

His mother, Zoey, said: "I think the worst thing for me was being sent away from Gloucestershire Royal Hospital without an explanation or apology."

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Synod urged to put prayer before politics

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England's parliament should pray more and stop trying to ape the antics of MPs, according to a review published yesterday.

The review, chaired by Lord Bridge of Harwich, concludes that the General Synod is confrontational and divisive. It says that the members should pause for prayer regularly during debates and abandon procedures that mirror Westminster, such as the call of "Divide" before votes are taken.

Such procedures give a misleading impression that Church government is about democracy, which it is not, the report says. Lord Bridge also recommends that the synod be reduced in size by about one third, to make it more cost-effective.

The synod, like the Commons elected for a five-year term, opens with a service at Westminster Abbey attended by the Queen. The triennial debates normally begin with prayers and there is a ten-minute act of worship at the start of each day.

There have been occasional unscheduled pauses for prayer, such as before the final approval of the ordination of women in November 1992.

"Such pauses, which need not only precede voting, serve as a reminder that the shared

task of synod is to wait on God," the report says. "We believe that prayer and spirituality should be a thread running through the whole life of the synod."

The report suggests that the interest group system, which mirrors the party system in Parliament, heightens the scope for dissension at the synod. "There is nothing inherently un-Christian about deciding matters by vote, although the irony of the legal adviser heralding the General Synod's 'moment of decision' with the instruction to 'divide' has not escaped us." It is suggested that when a vote is taken, it would be more appropriate for members to be urged to "Vote".

The recommendations will be debated by the synod and are unlikely to be introduced before 2005 if accepted.

The Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Roy Williamson, is to retire at the end of the year. The bishop, who has had heart problems, will leave just after his 65th birthday.

Previously Bishop of Bradford, he is from the evangelical wing of the Church. He moved to Southwark in 1991 and was at the centre of controversy over the cathedral's decision to host a service for the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement last year.

Into the future with new heart



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE 71-year-old man who has become Britain's oldest heart transplant patient has been discharged from Harefield Hospital and is already fit enough to attend outpatient.

When Professor Christian Barnard performed the first heart transplant in 1969 he chose an elderly man with severe heart failure. The procedure was experimental but since the patient had little chance of surviving more than a week without surgery he seemed ideal.

Now, with pressure on scarce surgical resources, younger people with a potentially longer lifespan and usually heavier family commitments would seem the more suitable patients.

Heart transplantation has become so efficient that it is an accepted treatment for some cases in which the heart is in gross failure. By operating a very strict selection system based on the patient's general health and by achieving good crossmatching, about 90 per cent of patients who have a heart transplant survive for at least a year and 70 per cent are fit enough to return to work.

Donor hearts are taken from younger people and

since they have to be in optimal condition, are in even shorter supply than other organs for transplantation. The recipient needs to be fit apart from his heart disease, and in particular needs to be free of lung troubles and have well-functioning kidneys.

The scarcity of donor hearts means it is unlikely that many people of 71 satisfy the criteria. The Harefield pensioner was lucky because he was the only person on the hospital's transplant waiting list who had the same rare tissue as the donor.

Even after discharge from hospital the patient's troubles are not over. The coronary blood vessels in a transplanted heart suffer from accelerated ageing, graft atherosclerosis, which in a quarter of cases can cause serious complications.

As with all transplants there is the danger of rejection. The drugs used to suppress rejection also suppress the body's immune system so the patient becomes susceptible to infection and malignant disease.

The transplanted heart will enable the patient, whatever his age, to return to a lifestyle enjoyed before he became ill, but it does not remove the need to stay in good health.

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Customs cracks £65m drug connection

Stewart Tendler reports on a gang of criminals whose cocaine and cannabis smuggling stretched through Gibraltar to South America

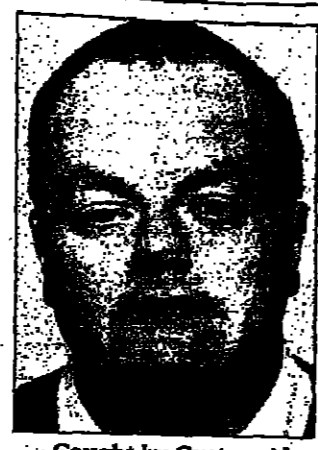
THE longest surveillance operation ever mounted by British Customs finally broke cover yesterday. As 13 people faced sentence after a series of trials, a legal black-out ended for the details of the 18-month investigation codenamed Stealer, which netted cocaine worth £57 million, cannabis worth another £8 million, and leading members of the south London underworld.

The smugglers' drug ring operated on three continents and bought them a luxury lifestyle including a convertible Mercedes and a £40,000 yacht. A senior investigator said: "Stealer has shown that we can get at the main players, not just the middle men and their associates. By acting on the evidence we can take out the big boys as well."

The gang behind the ring included Anthony White, acquitted 13 years ago of taking part in the £26 million Brink's-Mat bullion robbery. He could now face life imprisonment.

Yesterday a court order banning reporting on a series of inter-linked cases over the past two years was lifted. Seven defendants will be sentenced at the end of this week at Bristol Crown Court, and another six next week. Overall, Stealer was responsible for 44 arrests and six trials in Britain, Spain and France.

Launched in 1993, Operation Stealer targeted the south London underworld which Customs officers believed played a big role in illegal drug supplies. A team of up to 30 officers began long-term close surveillance on White



Caught by Customs' longest surveillance: above, Togher, left, and White. Below, Doran and Short



and his lieutenant, John Short. They also watched Brian Doran, a crime boss from Glasgow, when he returned from Colombia near the end of 1993 to make arrangements to smuggle in major consignments. He worked from luxury London hotels, including the exclusive Lanesborough

and was joined by fellow Scot Kenneth Togher. Customs officers were watching as the ring leaders met in clubs, pubs, London Zoo and the Tate Gallery. In September 1993, Togher's luggage was secretly searched while he was in transit between London and Glasgow.

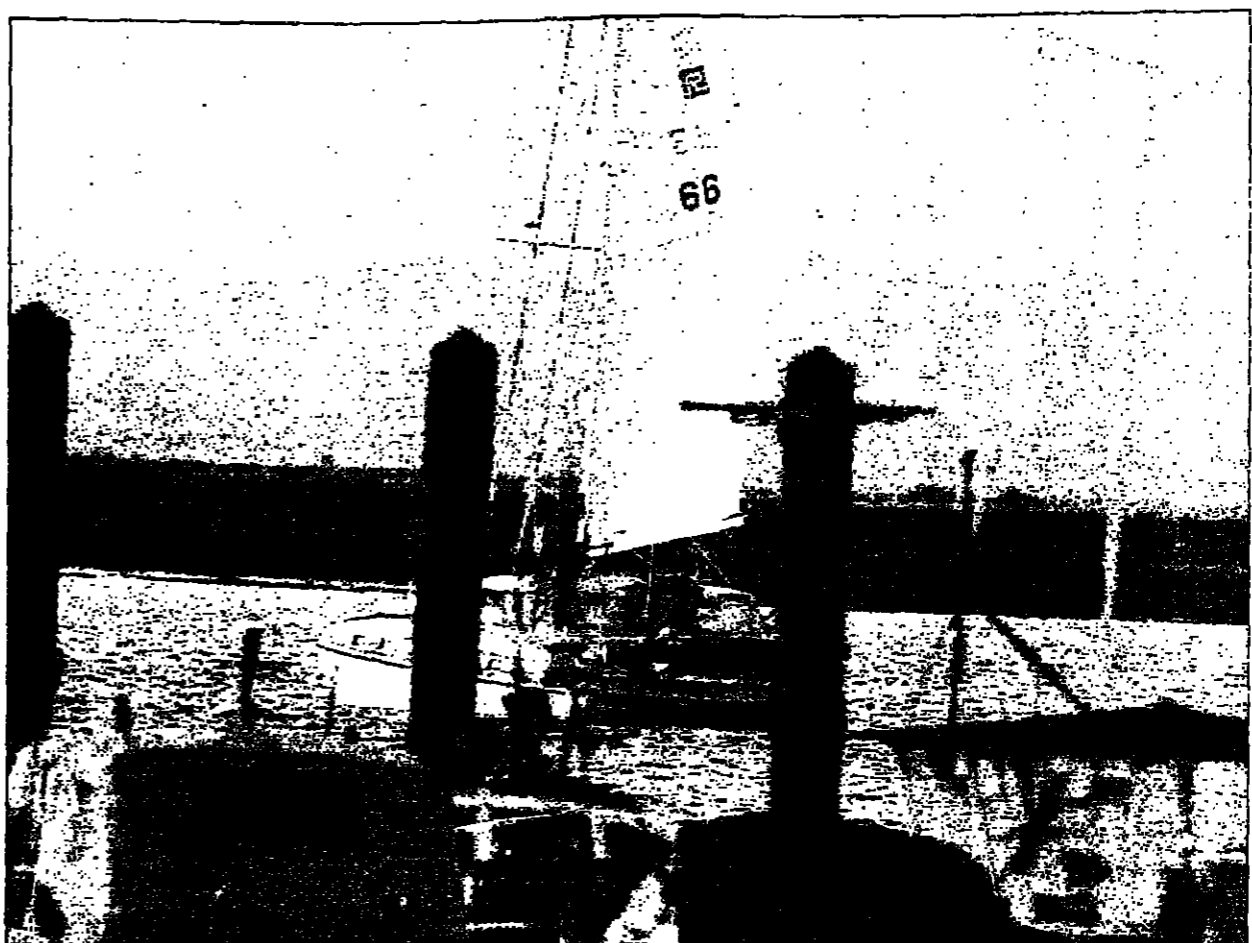
he had £250,000 in two suitcases. In a secret visit to Doran's room at the Lanesborough, officers found £10,000 and photographed personal documents, including bank transfers to Colombia involving false names.

The first arrests came in February 1994 after one of the gang was traced to Madrid. Spanish authorities found 35 kg of cocaine in luggage and 100 kg of cannabis resin in air conditioning ducts.

In September, Customs officers followed a VW camper van that White had bought. It was driven to Dover and taken across the Channel. In France the number plates were put on another camper that had arrived in France from Spain. That camper was loaded with drink to give the appearance of returning from a "booze run". When the camper arrived in Dover, Customs officers found 22 kg of cocaine concealed under a false floor.

Customs investigators were also watching as a lorry that had travelled from Gibraltar via Portsmouth was driven into the Fleet services on the M3. Investigators moved in as the spare tyre was being manhandled and found cannabis worth £250,000 hidden inside.

Later that day White was arrested in southeast London. His mobile telephone showed he was controlling operations and revealed calls linked to the Dover and Portsmouth drug-smuggling. As the operation continued, a British pilot who took off from Stapleford Abbots, Essex, was arrested at



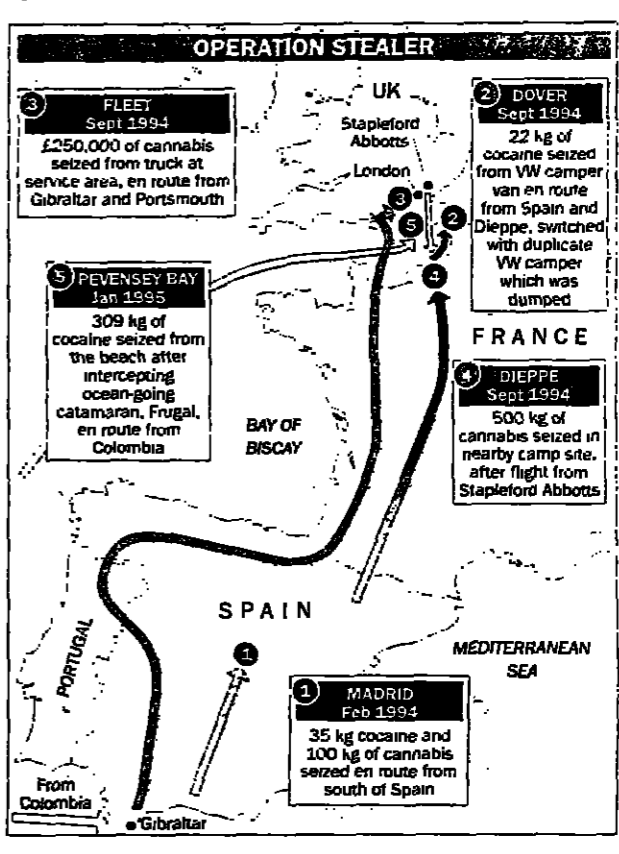
The ocean-going catamaran *Frugal* under sail: contrary to its name, it carried cocaine worth £37 million

an airfield near Dieppe. Police seized 500 kg of cannabis in a camper van at a campsite near by.

Early in 1995 the ocean-going catamaran *Frugal* was tracked as it sailed into Pevensey Bay, East Sussex, carrying a cargo of Colombian cocaine worth £37 million. Six plastic-wrapped bundles

weighing a total of 309 kg were found on the beach.

Those convicted in the trials included White, Short, Doran, and Togher. Madeleine Mullin, a one-time actress who once had a bit part in the Scottish detective series *Taggart* and who later married Togher, was acquitted of any part in the drug-smuggling conspiracy.



London robbers graduated to narcotics

LEADERS of the drugs network were well-known to investigators. Two were armed robbers who had followed a trend among leading London criminals to graduate into the drugs world.

Anthony White had been accused in 1984 of taking part in the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery at Heathrow Airport. Although he was acquitted at the Old Bailey, two years ago loss adjusters acting for the insurers took White to the High Court and won a ruling that he had committed the robbery.

Mr Justice Rimmer decided that White's acquittal did not mean that

the jurors at his Old Bailey trial were satisfied that he was innocent but only that they were not satisfied that he was guilty according to criminal standards of proof.

The judge said that White was a "dishonest man with an appalling criminal record" who had come into substantial wealth after his acquittal. At the time of the Brink's-Mat robbery, White was living in a council flat on benefit.

He later spent £219,000 on new homes, refurbished one house at a cost of £200,000 and bought a villa in Spain. The judge ordered White to pay

back £26 million plus £2 million in compensation and his wife, Margaret, was ordered to pay back another £1 million.

But lawyers for the loss adjusters knew they had won an empty victory. White was under arrest as part of Operation Stealer and all his assets had been frozen. There was no sign of the millions and the lawyers are still trying to find what happened to White's cash.

Once part of the network of heavyweight armed robbers operating from southeast London, White graduated like other top criminals into the drugs world. In 1993 he was acquit-

ted of being involved in cannabis smuggling. Customs officers in Operation Stealer were sure that he was still at work as financier and fixer behind drugs deals.

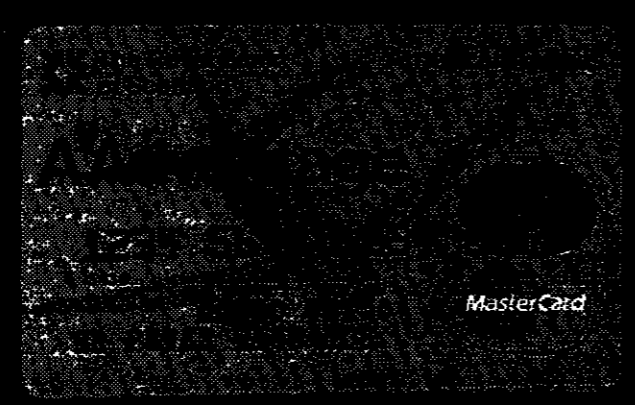
His right-hand man, John Short, was another armed robber who also turned to drugs. Now 58, he was jailed in 1978 for holding up a bank in west London. He was also the centre of investigations over the supply of ponies for the American sport of trotting.

Both relied on Brian Doran, 52, who once ran a travel agency in Glasgow. He fled from Scotland in 1982 after being accused of smug-

gling cocaine, and set up a bar in Marbella. In Spain he was linked to a plot to smuggle cannabis worth £3 million from Morocco to Britain. A ton of drugs was found ready packed hidden in a villa on the Costa del Sol. Doran fled to Holland but was eventually sent back to Scotland where he was jailed on passport offences.

Eventually he went to live in Colombia and left there in 1993. He had connections among South American cartels to provide drugs, and money was no object. When he was arrested, Doran was carrying a bearer bond worth £1.6 million.

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Hillsborough disaster

Straw asks senior judge to study new evidence

By RICHARD FORD AND FRANCES GIBB

A SENIOR judge will investigate new video and medical evidence on the Hillsborough football ground disaster, the Home Secretary announced yesterday.

Jack Straw told MPs that Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, a Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal, would study the material to see whether another public inquiry was needed. Mr Straw said: "I hope that this examination will enable us to establish conclusively whether or not material evidence about the causes of the Hillsborough disaster has been overlooked."

Families of those who died in the 1989 disaster welcomed the announcement. Trevor Hicks, chairman of the Hillsborough Families Support Group, said: "We are slightly cautious but we greet today with a great deal of satisfaction. We feel we are moving in the right direction."

The families have lobbied for a new inquiry on the basis of new video and medical evidence challenging the police version of events. Ninety-six Liverpool fans died from injuries suffered in the crush as supporters poured into the Sheffield Wednesday ground for their team's FA Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest. The new evidence is said to include a videotape taken from a closed-circuit television camera trained on the Leppings Lane end stand.

Mr Straw said that, despite earlier inquiries, he was determined to go as far as he could in ensuring that no matter of significance was overlooked. "We owe it to everyone touched by the tragedy, but above all to the families of those who died, to get to the bottom of this matter once and for all."

Mr Straw said the Attorney-General and the Crown Prosecution Service had looked at

the new evidence put forward, but Dame Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, felt that the material would not justify a fresh criminal investigation. "Nonetheless, I am acutely conscious that the families of those who died at Hillsborough and many others, including Members of this House, are very concerned that unresolved issues remain," he said.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, 69, has been a Court of Appeal judge since 1988 and before that was a High Court judge for seven years. He is respected for his willingness to listen to both sides.

He is best known as the judge chosen in 1989 to be M15's first watchdog, monitoring bugging warrants issued by the Home Secretary and examining complaints. At the time he said that his job was crucial because he would be representing the public, who had "no insight into what is going on", but in his first report he dismissed all complaints against M15.

The new Hillsborough evidence he will be examining is said not to have been available to Lord Justice Taylor's original inquiry or to the prosecuting or disciplinary authorities. He will work in private and hopes to start preliminary work on the case this month.

Richard Wells, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, said he welcomed the review but emphasised that his force still believed that nothing new had come to light since the Taylor inquiry and the inquests.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions on the environment, the regions and transport; debate on international development policies; bicentenary debate on compensation for distant water trawling; in the Lords: Imperial College Bill, second reading; Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill, committee; debate on conflict between Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan.



William Hague and his fiancée Ffion Jenkins and the Crypt Chapel at the House of Commons where the couple will marry in December

Hague has decided on an 'office' wedding

By ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WILLIAM HAGUE and Ffion Jenkins announced the date yesterday for the political union of the year, which will take place in an historic chapel at the House of Commons. The marital vows will be read in English and Welsh at the traditional ceremony on December 19.

The couple, who have been together since October, have told friends that they will try for children within a year of the wedding. Mr Hague, 36, would be the first Conservative leader this century to have a young family. "They will definitely have children. I think they will wait a while but not very long," one of their friends said yesterday.

The glossy celebrity magazine *Hello!* has already launched a bid for exclusive picture rights of the couple on their wedding day. However, Mr Hague is unlikely to agree, despite the prospect of a fat fee and endless publicity. The majority of marriages featured in the magazine have ended in the divorce courts.

The couple decided on the date even before he made his mind up to enter the Tory leadership contest but there was little romance involved in the naming of the day, which was announced 24 hours after press reports that they had begun living together in Mr Hague's London flat.

It was the only date that fitted in with Mr Hague's hectic Parliamentary schedule. A spring wedding

The Crypt Chapel, known formally as the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, has been used as a stable, a coal cellar and the Speaker's dining room. It dates from 1292 and was one of the few parts of the Palace of Westminster to survive the fire of 1834 almost unscathed. During res-

was out of the question: it would have clashed with the local elections in May, which will be Mr Hague's first big test as Tory leader.

Invitations will be highly prized among ambitious Tory MPs but most will be disappointed. Mr Hague has chosen a friend outside

the world of politics as his best man: Nick Levy, a solicitor in Brussels. Mr Hague was his best man and is godfather to Mr Levy's only child. Preparations for the wedding have been under way for some time. Mr Hague is being taught his lines for the most important speech of his

life by his future wife. Welsh is her first language. They met when Miss Jenkins, 29, was Mr Hague's private secretary when he was Welsh Secretary. Romance blossomed on a wall overlooking a mountain range in North Wales as she taught him the Welsh national anthem.

The service will be conducted jointly by the Speaker's chaplain and a Welsh Methodist minister. The reception will be held in the State Rooms of the Speaker's House, followed by a wedding breakfast in the MPs' dining room. The guest list will be limited to 140. The next day a party will be held at Miss Jenkins' family home near Cardiff in Wales. They will also celebrate with a party in Mr Hague's Richmond constituency.

TALES FROM THE CRYPT CHAPEL

What Patten's critics are inclined to forget

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

One of the fashionable myths of the era of globalisation is that national governments no longer matter. The markets and multinational companies rule, leaving individual states largely powerless and irrelevant. This was always exaggerated, but last night's undeniably emotional end of empire in Hong Kong demonstrates why good government, or rather governance, matters.

By governance, I mean methods of governing and administration. Chris Patten's main contribution as the final Governor for the past five years has been to underline the links between political and economic freedom — the vital role of government even in such a

free market economy as Hong Kong.

Politicians often confuse the size of government and good governance. The two are distinct, and, indeed, often incompatible. States with huge public sectors, as in the old Soviet bloc or in some developing countries today, are also often the most corrupt, where decisions are based on bribes and cronyism. It is possible, as in Hong Kong, to have a low share of public spending in national income and low taxes, and still to have high standards of government: respect for the rule of law, a Bill of Rights and a tough anti-

corruption commission as well as an elected legislature.

By coincidence, the World Bank last week included in its *World Development Report* a study of the role of the state. It highlighted five functions that governments, rather than markets and private bodies, must provide: a basic legal framework, an effective macro-economic environment, investment in basic social services and infrastructure, a comprehensive safety net for vulnerable members of society and basic environmental protection. Contrary to past thinking, the report argued that governments cannot them-

selves produce growth, but they must provide the right institutional framework to create the confidence necessary for successful markets. That has been the key in East Asia and it is why more than four fifths of the world's largest banks have branches in Hong Kong.

Globalisation, the report argued, "is a threat to weak or capriciously governed states. But it opens the way for effective, disciplined states to foster development and economic well-being." The application of predictable rules and policies — what the report described as "state credibility" — is vital, not least to attract private investment, as in East Asia. By contrast, "poor state

credibility" results in lower investment and growth and undermines development, as in much of Eastern Europe, parts of Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa.

The lesson is that governments must increase state capability by having effective rules and restraints that act as a check on public authorities and prevent corruption. Civil servants should be appointed on merit rather than patronage, while governments should try to decentralise power and increase popular participation in decision-making.

This is precisely what the British legacy in Hong Kong has been — a framework of laws and good governance that has fostered business

confidence and extraordinary commercial success. This is too easily forgotten by those British and expatriate businessmen who criticised the former Governor's attempt to build up democratic institutions. They failed to realise that, in the long term, a free enterprise system is inextricably linked with a vibrant democracy. The strength of civil society in Hong Kong will now be tested. It is not just what happens to the elected members of the former legislative council, as important as the rule of law and the absence of corruption. Hong Kong shows why good government still matters.

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Euro emerges as bargaining chip in haggling over EU expansion

FROM CHARLES BRENNER
IN BRUSSELS

EXHAUSTED from the laborious birth of the Amsterdam treaty, the European Union embarks today on another stressful countdown. Under the new presidency of Luxembourg, the 15 begin the long and potentially brutal business of reforming their spending and preparing to embrace new members from the former communist bloc.

The starting gun for expansion

and the budget battle comes on July 16 when the Brussels Commission issues its verdict on the membership credentials of ten eastern European states and Cyprus and Turkey, all far poorer than any of the existing 15. Entry negotiations with a first wave must start by the end of the year. Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Cyprus are likely to be called first to the table, with the possibility of Estonia and Slovenia joining them. The approach of new members is intensifying re-

sistance from Spain and other southern states against any deal that cuts their own supply of generous EU regional subsidies. French, German and British farmers fear for their farm aid and the smaller EU states are fighting a rearguard battle to preserve their voting power in a much-enlarged union. A new EU budget machine must be ready in 1999.

The EU could do without a two-year wrangle over the two funds that dominate its spending. The

failure at Amsterdam to reform the EU decision-making machinery for enlargement has only added to the malaise as the 15 stagger forward in the long march towards monetary union.

Over the past month, the monetary picture has tumbled out of its old frame as the new French Socialist Government has thrown out the rule book prescribed by the Germans and abandoned the strict budget test, set out at Maastricht, for launching the euro. At the same time, a weak-

ened Helmut Kohl, under heavy domestic pressure, is wavering in his own crusade for the single currency and a deeper union.

A Brussels axiom holds that without monetary union, the big continental states will refuse to accept new members into a bigger EU. While all pay lip service to the imperative of "bringing the new democracies into the European family", they are worried that without the binding force of the euro, the EU would turn into a big free-trading area of the type

desired by British Conservatives. The crossover between the euro and a bigger union is emerging as Spain has begun signalling that it could block spending reform and enlargement without a guarantee of membership of the single currency. The first euro members are to be picked next May.

The consensus still holds that so much political capital is invested in the scheme that monetary union will go ahead on schedule on January 1, 1999. Jean-Claude Juncker, 42, the Christian Demo-

crat Prime Minister of Luxembourg, who takes over the presidency from the Dutch today, insists that delay would spell catastrophe.

To help things along, Mr Juncker is suggesting a scheme that would fix the exchange rates of national currencies to the euro. A test for Mr Juncker, whose tiny country is the only EU member to pass the Maastricht monetary test, is a special Luxembourg summit in the autumn which could shape the fate of the euro.

Russian military warns Yeltsin of mutiny over cuts

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE Russian military establishment has given President Yeltsin a warning that he faces the first mutiny in the armed forces for nearly two centuries if he goes ahead with unpopular reforms to slash the number of men in uniform.

Threatened with the loss of 600,000 troops under plans currently being drawn up by General Igor Sergeev, the newly-appointed Defence Minister, several retired generals have urged serving officers to "take the matter into their own hands".

The issue came to the surface last week when General Lev Rokhlin, a popular former combat officer, who now heads the parliamentary defence committee, issued a damning seven-page open letter to Mr Yeltsin blaming him for the destruction of the armed forces.

General Rokhlin, who commanded Russian troops during the bloody capture of Grozny, the Chechen capital, before running for parliament in a pro-Yeltsin faction, said he had been forced to act to prevent the collapse of the armed forces.

"You fooled the nation and the military, failing to fulfil your pre-election promises," said General Rokhlin, whose outburst may cost him his position in the Our Home is Russia faction. "You have destroyed the armed forces to destruction."

In the letter, General Rokhlin predicted that if the military was weakened any further, Russia would lose control of the Far East and Siberia in the next century. He said: "Russia's future as a nuclear power was also under threat and blamed Mr Yeltsin personally for the disastrous military campaign in Chechnya."

By far his most inflammatory remarks were addressed to serving officers. He advised them to mobilise and issue the

Kremlin with demands. "Unlike, elect your leaders and demand that your legitimate rights be exercised," he said. "Do not hope that someone else will do this for you. Our unity in resisting the disintegration of the army is the guarantee of our success."

Not surprisingly, the comments sent a chill through the Kremlin. Although there has not been a military insurrection since the Decembrist uprising of 1825, the present lamentable state of the armed forces could provide a fertile ground for mutiny.

General Sergeev, whose plans to reduce the armed forces from 1.8 million to 1.2 million must be completed by July 25, on Sunday denounced the letter as incitement "to revolt".

"We now have to choose between a large, but insufficiently capable army, or a

smaller but combat-ready army," he said, defending his plans, which propose radical measures such as merging the army and navy. "I think the choice is clear."

However, the military establishment has yet to be persuaded. Most commentators believe that General Rokhlin was prompted to take action at the behest of powerful senior officers in the military, who may be among the first to be sacked under the reform plan.

Top figures in politics and the military have been eager to line up alongside General Rokhlin. He has won the backing of General Aleksandr Lebed, the former paratrooper and presidential candidate, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the ultra-nationalist leader, and leading communists, like Viktor Ilyukhin, the chairman of the parliamentary security committee.

"Rokhlin is right, the army is going to pieces," General Lebed said. "This is clear even to those who are far from the army. It is clear that the Commander-in-Chief (Yeltsin) is not competent."

Although in the past there has been talk of rebellion in the armed forces, there is so far no evidence of any serious conspiracy, despite unpaid wages, low morale, and a sharp rise in the number of suicides among both soldiers and officers.

Nevertheless, the Kremlin cannot afford to be complacent after the rabble-rousing remarks by General Rokhlin. □ Promise to pay: Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, vowed to press ahead with military reform. He told military academy graduates at a Kremlin ceremony that he had been instructed by President Yeltsin to pay all debts to the forces over the next two months. He did not say where the money was coming from.



Boris Yeltsin's daughter, Tatiana - Dyachenko, 37, above, long seen as the power behind the Russian throne, has been officially appointed as an adviser to her father (Robin Lodge writes). She is to be responsible for advising the President on his image. For the past year she has held virtual control over access to her father, angering advisers and political rivals.



Hikers in Navacerrada, near Madrid, braving a stiff breeze and freezing winds yesterday in freak conditions that have seen a sudden temperature drop turn the usually blistering Spanish summer into snow-clad winter

Secularist coalition takes over in Turkey

FROM ANDREW FINKEL
IN ISTANBUL

THE first Islamist Prime Minister of Turkey, Necmettin Erbakan, went back into opposition yesterday and the military returned to its barracks after President Demirel approved a new coalition led by Mesut Yilmaz, the Motherland Party leader.

Announcing his Cabinet, Mr Yilmaz said his new secularist Government was "proof that the country could solve its problems through democracy and parliament". He was referring to the threat of military intervention after chiefs of staff issued an ultimatum to the previous Government that it cease to encourage the drift towards radical Islam.

Mr Erbakan quit on June 18 but was hoping to keep his Welfare Party in office by transferring his job to his coalition partner, Tansu Ciller, of the True Path Party. This tactic was frustrated when President Demirel chose Mr Yilmaz to form the new Government.

While the new administration is bound to reassure the military, it remains debatable whether it can provide a long-term solution to the nation's chronic political instability. Many see one of its first tasks as amending the electoral system of proportional representation. A system of transferable votes, some analysts believe, would neutralise the Welfare Party, which came first in a December 1995 election despite receiving fewer than 22 per cent of votes.

Fraud trial defendant blames bankers

FROM DEBORAH COLCUTT
IN FRANKFURT

GERMANY'S "construction king", Jürgen Schneider, who has gone on trial accused of multimillion-pound credit fraud, looks determined to drag down with him some of the country's most reputable banks and credit institutes.

In an emotional speech at the start of his trial in Frankfurt yesterday, he blamed his former creditors for the collapse of Germany's biggest property development empire with the loss of thousands of jobs. "They decided, in a spectacular manner, to criminalise me and place the burden of guilt singularly and exclusively on my shoulders."

Herr Schneider told the financial capital's Superior Court. In a surprise statement, Dieter Haake, the chief prosecutor, also indicated that the banks involved, including Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest, must share responsibility for the bankruptcy of Herr Schneider's company.

Herr Schneider, 63, specialised in inner-city development, favouring grand old buildings, and was one of the first to cash in on the construction boom caused by the fall of the Berlin Wall.

When he and his wife, Claudia, suddenly fled Germany in April 1994 after the company was forced into bankruptcy, they left debts of around £2 billion to more than 1,600 creditors, including banks, building suppliers and sub-contractors. The couple remained at large for 13 months. Herr Schneider faces a maximum 15-year sentence if found guilty.

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Berisha concedes election defeat

Albanian Socialist says victory will help curb militias

FROM TOM WALKER IN TIRANA

PRESIDENT Berisha of Albania yesterday accepted his Democratic Party's overwhelming defeat by its Socialist rivals, whose leader Fatos Nano looks certain to become the new head of state.

Mr Berisha, looking tired and drawn, made a brief appearance on state television yesterday afternoon. He asked his supporters to "treat the people's verdict with courage and dignity". Observers from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe deemed Sunday's general election "adequate and acceptable".

There were no scenes of rejoicing on the streets of Tirana, however. Mr Nano, a bearded and studious academic, appealed to his party not to inflame an already tense situation. From Mr Berisha's presidential guard came the ominous sound of heavy gunfire.

Whether Mr Berisha will resign is unclear. Linda Isani, his personal assistant, said he would only consider doing so once the results — which she said the Socialists had exaggerated — had been finalised. "He's very tired," she said. "But he's in perfect shape. He's very strong."

The monarchists, fighting for the restoration of the House of Zog, also accused Mr Nano of overestimating his victory. They claimed the

referendum on the monarchy, which ran parallel to the election, would prove that 60 per cent of Albanians wanted a former arms dealer to become King Leka Zog I. Mr Nano said that while the monarchists had done well in their traditional powerbases, such as Shkodra in the north, they would receive no more than 20 per cent support nationally.

Mr Nano said the extent of his victory would ensure the steady disarming of the southern gangs. "With international assistance we can eliminate them," he said.

Overall, Mr Nano said the Socialists controlled as many as 73 seats out of 115 elected by majority vote, with an extra 22 possible through a proportional system in the 155-seat Albanian parliament.

The coming days will determine whether Mr Berisha's Democrats and the militias behind them will accept their defeat. Heavily armed thugs lingered outside party headquarters yesterday, where a spokesman said: "The Democratic Party cannot be held responsible for any incidents involving foreigners. People are angry and they are blaming the defeat on foreign influence."

The OSCE can breathe a sigh of relief that the elections have passed off in relative calm, although armed gangs



Albanian gang members in the southern town of Vlore yesterday celebrate the Socialists' election victory

close to the Democrats in Fier, where an election official was shot dead on Sunday, were trying to prevent ballot boxes reaching Tirana. There were also embarrassing but reliable

reports of OSCE observers in Vlore trying their hand at firing Kalashnikovs supplied to them by the gangster Sultan Zani.

There was another death in

more gangland violence in Vlore, and a lucky escape for a Greek television team from the Anetenne channel, one of whose crew was literally shaved by bullets, leaving

burn marks on his arm. Two other Greek journalists held hostage further south in Sarander were rescued by a Romanian armoured personnel carrier.

Le Pen woos the Gaullist Right in secret talks

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE Gaullists were plunged into fresh disarray yesterday after reports that Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the far-right National Front, has been secretly winning and dining senior figures from the vanquished centre-right coalition.

France's mainstream political parties have hitherto rejected any contact with M Le Pen, and the alleged meetings have raised suspicions that right-wing Gaullists may be seeking an alliance with the increasingly powerful National Front.

On June 16, two weeks after the Centre Right was savaged at the polls and ousted from government, M Le Pen dined at a quiet restaurant in the 15th Arrondissement of Paris with Jean-François Mancel, former Secretary-General of the Gaullist RPR party, and Robert Pandraud, Gaullist MP and president of the RPR Paris group, according to *Le Parisien*.

A spokesman for the Front initially maintained that no such meeting had taken place, but on Sunday M Le Pen admitted having had "an agreeable dinner" with M Pandraud. He denied that M Mancel, a close ally of Alain Juppé, the former Prime Minister, had been present.

According to sources cited by *Le Monde*, the National Front leader also dined recently with Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, a key figure within the centre-right alliance. M Giscard denied the report. M Le Pen declined to comment.

M Le Pen's deputy, Bruno Mégret, has repeatedly called for an alliance between the defeated coalition and the Front, which gained 15 per cent of the vote in the first round of the election.

"The secret dinner" showed that "certain leaders and opposition MPs have apparently decided to open a dialogue with the National Front," *Le Parisien* reported.

Other senior Gaullists expressed horror at the prospect

of joining forces with M Le Pen's xenophobic nationalists. Jean-Louis Debré, the former Interior Minister who replaced M Mancel as Secretary-General after the party's defeat, immediately called for the RPR to clarify its attitude towards the Front. "The National Front holds views which are not those of the Gaullists. The movement's leaders must debate this subject, and reach a clear position," M Debré said.

Renaud Musclier, another Gaullist MP, insisted yesterday that an accommodation with the National Front was "impossible".

M Pandraud, who was Security Minister from 1986 to 1988, added fuel to the row by saying he was in favour of "low-level" discussions with the Front. "If there were personal or private discussions, why not?" M Pandraud demanded. "There are no enemies, only opponents."

M Le Pen said that his dinner with M Pandraud had been attended by their wives and another National Front official. He added: "Everyone knows M Pandraud benefited from National Front support during the elections, and this ensured his victory." He claimed to have dined in the past with other top figures on the political Right, but declined to give names.

"Le Pen is dining out so much at the moment, he's going to have to go on a diet," one anonymous politician told *Le Monde*.

Jobless blow: Unemployment in France has surged again to reach a new record high. Last month, the number of jobless rose by 32,400, or 1.1 per cent, marking "the biggest monthly increase since October 1993", according to the Employment Ministry.

The large increase comes after two months during which unemployment fell marginally. About 3.1 million French people are now out of work, or 12.5 per cent of the active population.

President detained in Bosnian Serb power struggle

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

IN AN intensifying tussle for power that could sabotage the Dayton peace accords, hardliners in the government of the Bosnian Serb entity arrested Biljana Plavsic, the president, on her return from a conference

in Birmingham at the weekend, but later allowed her to leave for her office in Banja Luka.

She was detained near Bijeljina in the northeast of the Bosnian Serb territory on her return. She had cut short her visit to Britain to deal with a growing political crisis. Earlier, she had tried to sack Dragan Kijac, the

hardline interior minister, who remains loyal to Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader forced to give up power by international pressure after being indicted for war crimes. Mr Kijac had dismissed a major in charge of an anti-terrorist police battalion amid suspicions that the interior ministry was attempting

to sabotage a crackdown on organised crime.

Her arrest appeared to be the culmination of an attempt by hardliners to oust her after her failure to dismiss Mr Kijac. She spent two days at a conference on Serb unity, but cut short a meeting yesterday with Tony Lloyd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Yesterday she was reportedly allowed to leave for her office under Nato protection. Last night she accused Dr Karadzic of attempting a "coup".

Britain expressed concern about her arrest which appeared to signal an attempt by Dr Karadzic to reassert his authority.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Bus bomb explosion kills 20 in Pakistan

KARACHI: A bomb blew up a packed passenger bus in Pakistan's eastern province of Punjab yesterday, killing at least 20 people (Zahid Hussain writes). The device was planted under a seat of the bus which carried 80 passengers, some riding on the roof. The incident occurred in Sialkot district close to the Indian border. Rescue workers said the bus caught fire and many of the victims were trapped. Fifty people were wounded and some were in a critical condition last night. There have been several recent attacks related to a feud between militant Shiite Muslims and Sunni Muslims.

Killer weed threatens Riviera

ROME: A virulent toxic seaweed is spreading along the Riviera coast, posing a threat to humans and marine life, scientists say. The seaweed, *Caulerpa taxifolia*, has been dubbed "the AIDS of the sea" by the Italian and French press (Richard Owen writes). The tropical alga, whose fronds are dangerous to bathers and deadly to many varieties of underwater plant, has spread from Toulon and St Tropez to San Remo, Alassio and Genoa.

Disabled Uday 'shot guard'

Nicosia: Six months after surviving an assassination attempt, Uday, left, the elder son of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, remains unable to walk, is sexually impotent and more volatile than ever, according to Iraqi dissidents (Michael Theodorou writes). Uday, 33, recently shot and wounded one of his guards during an outburst, the opposition Iraqi National Congress said. When he left hospital last month on crutches, one Iraqi businessman in Jordan said, "he looked pathetic."

Outback hunting ban urged

Brisbane: Only Aborigines should be allowed to hunt Australian animals such as kangaroos, goannas and dugongs and should use traditional weapons like spears, conservationists told a parliamentary inquiry into the commercial use of native animals. Lorraine and Geoff Conley said hunting should not be permitted with guns and four-wheel-drive vehicles. (AP)

Fast food for zoo elephants

Bangkok: A shortage of elephant food has prompted researchers to develop a substitute. Dusit Zoo has been feeding its elephants 1lb tablets of concentrated sugar cane, corn, molasses, vitamins and minerals for several months. "We have a problem with people destroying jungles," the zoo's director said. (AP)

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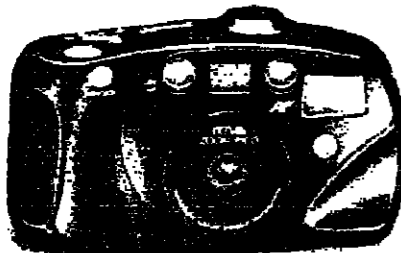


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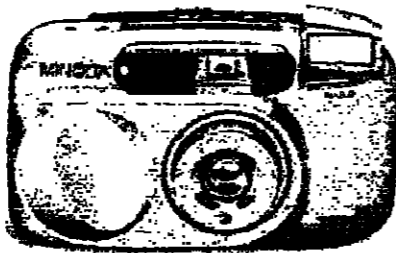
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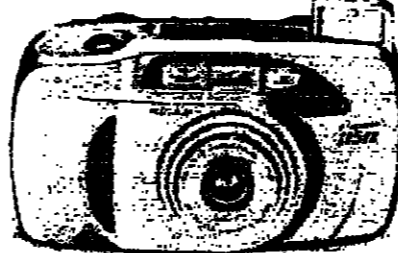
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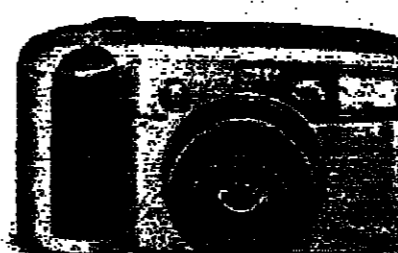
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Trooper's story dents sex claim against Clinton

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

JULIA JONES has received a jolting blow to her attempt to bring sexual harassment charges against President Clinton with the revelation that Arkansas state troopers did about President Clinton's sexual habits in order to strike a creative book deal. Ronald Anderson, a trooper to guard Mr Clinton when he was Governor of Arkansas, says he "confirmed" stories about Mr Clinton's repeated infidelity even though he knew they were untrue or had no first-hand evidence to support them, according to *The New Yorker*. In a four-page article, the magazine gives weight to the story that some kind of sexual encounter took place between Ms Jones and Governor Clinton in an Arkansas hotel room, but casts doubt on other parts of her case from several new angles. *The New Yorker*'s most startling piece of evidence is a 1994 affidavit provided by Mr Anderson to Mr Clinton's lawyers, in which he admits that he was discussing a potential book deal with other troopers, who corroborated anecdotes without any basis. While the affidavit does not discredit all the stories, he does say that any "were nothing more than old fish tales with little, if any, basis in fact". The revisions by Mr Anderson follow Ms Jones's Su-

preme Court victory in winning permission to bring her case against Mr Clinton without delay. She claims that he infringed her civil rights by sending a trooper to take her to his room in the Excelsior Hotel and then asking her for oral sex. The trial would cause Mr Clinton huge embarrassment if it proceeded, but judging by opinion polls, real political damage might be slight. However, there is now speculation that both sides will reach a settlement without the President admitting blame — a point almost reached in 1994. As *The New Yorker* records, the past few weeks have also seen a shift in the highly-politicised swirl of rumours in the President's favour. Among new twists potentially helpful to Mr Clinton, the magazine cites two women who contradict accounts that Ms Jones was upset after the encounter with Mr Clinton, which forms a central part of her case. A colleague of Ms Jones at the Arkansas Industrial Development Corporation described her "bubbly enthusiasm" at having met Mr Clinton. The switchboard operator at the Governor's office said that Ms Jones told her in a "happy and excited manner" that a trooper had arranged for her to meet Mr Clinton in his hotel room, and that Ms Jones

started loitering by the Governor's office, checking his car parking space to see if he was in, and asking troopers to tell her his whereabouts. Washington commentators were also taken aback last week when Stuart Taylor, the author of a much-quoted article last November in *The American Lawyer* which argued that Ms Jones's case was strong, modified his arguments in the *Legal Times* under the heading "New disclosures could cloud Jones' credibility". *The New Yorker* also notes the new disillusionment of one of Ms Jones's junior lawyers, Daniel Traylor, who resigned from her case last week. Mr Traylor, an attorney specialising in property sales, was the first lawyer she hired, but was soon out of his depth. The magazine says that before her remaining lawyers told him not to comment, he confided that it may have been a mistake for him to take the case. He was particularly upset that she accepted \$1,000 (£600) from the conservative, religious producer of an anti-Clinton video called *The Clinton Chronicles*. Mr Traylor told *The New Yorker* that the payment "soured me on the Joneses. I didn't want anything to do with that trash. These people were now on the nut circuit".



Chances Peak has been active for months. Its latest eruption has claimed 23 lives

Rescuers fear final blow of island volcano

FROM TOM RHODES IN PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT

STANDING less than a mile from the spewing crater of Montserrat's volcano, Clifford Farrell looked skyward to the flow of lava crashing through acres of vegetation on the small British colony. "That's nothing to what she can do," said Mr Farrell, a fireman trawling the evacuated areas of this Caribbean island for human life. "If she really blows, then we're all dead. It would take less than a minute for the flow to reach this point now." The native Montserratian has spent days recovering bodies from the worst eruption since Chances Peak became active again two years ago. Its belching gas and molten rock claimed the lives of at least 23 people last week. The first human casualties in living memory have left a deep impression on the six search and rescue teams and provoked the most tangible atmosphere of fear for the 6,000 islanders who remain cordoned in Montserrat's northern region. Inside the unsafe zone, there is only devastation. Plymouth, the once-thriving capital, is coated in ash so thick that driving through its empty streets is like braving a Saharan sandstorm. Face masks are required to avoid lung damage from inhaling the pervasive sulphur fumes. Only the animals remain. Dogs, cats, goats and cows scurry through the ghost town in search of scant food. Closer to the volcano, many

have already died, swathed in 30ft of ash. In a small hut in the evacuated Belham Valley, William Murrain is packing his bags. Now 51, he has lived on the small plot of land for 45 years and has already once been ordered to leave. The rescue team knows that he has not moved out because the verandah has been swept of ash. "I know it's a time bomb waiting to go off but I don't want to move," he said. "I have lived here all my life and the people in the shelters are drunk all the time. We can't be expected to live like that." He is one of many islanders who want the British Government to resolve the present crisis fast. The shelters have been long overfilled, rape and teenage pregnancy are rife, and local authorities say that at least 600 new houses must be built if the island is to sustain its population. Baroness Symons, the Foreign Office Minister, was coming under increasing pressure to offer further financial support during her visit to Montserrat yesterday. Frank Savage, the island's Governor, has given warnings that a mass exodus could soon make the colony unsustainable. London: Britain promised yesterday to do all that it could to keep Montserrat viable and confirmed that new aid of £6.8 million was being given.

Fresh bomb plot inquiry opens in Oklahoma

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A NEW investigation opened yesterday into persistent claims that the Oklahoma City bombing involved a larger conspiracy than has so far emerged. A grand jury was empaneled thanks to public support for two men who have a profound mistrust of the official account, for which Timothy McVeigh has been sentenced to die and his former friend, Terry Nichols, will stand trial in September. Charles Key, a member of the Oklahoma legislature, and Glenn

Wilburn, an accountant who lost two grandsons in the bombing, are convinced that additional plotters were involved and, despite vehement denials, that federal agents had prior knowledge of the attack in which 168 died, 19 of them children. A key witness is expected to be Carol Howe, a former informant on a shadowy network of white supremacists for the government's Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms. She is expected to claim that she told her handlers before the bombing that she overheard a German citizen and a white supremacist discussing attacks on federal buildings. Federal authorities now say they

Stephen Jones, defence lawyer, tried to call Miss Howe at McVeigh's trial, but the judge ruled that her testimony was irrelevant. Even Mr Jones concedes that no specific threats or plots can be found in documents relating to Miss Howe, who is awaiting trial on charges related to another bomb threat. The grand jury, sitting in secret, is also expected to focus on seven witnesses who have said they saw at least one other person with McVeigh in Oklahoma City on the day a huge lorry bomb shattered the federal building. Federal authorities now say they

doubt there was a larger conspiracy, although they did indict McVeigh and Mr Nichols on charges of plotting with "others unknown". Mr Key and Mr Wilburn, acting against the wishes of the district attorney and Oklahoma's attorney general, collected 13,500 signatures on a petition calling for the grand jury investigation. Under Oklahoma law, that was sufficient to override official objections. A foundation of bereaved families and survivors will today announce the winning design for a monument on the city-centre site of the bombed building.

Oyster Bar gutted by fire

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE famed Oyster Bar at New York's Grand Central Station, which serves 1.8 million oysters to harried tourists and commuters every year, has been gutted by a fire started by an overheated refrigerator. Nine firefighters and four passers-by suffered minor injuries when the blaze engulfed the restaurant, with its huge marble counters and vaulted tile ceilings, in the bowels of

New York's main railway station. Two hundred new chairs in the main bar were destroyed and the dining room and saloon suffered smoke and water damage before dawn on Sunday. Mark Abramson, the general manager, said the restaurant would reopen after repairs in two weeks. "It's not as bad as it looks," he said. The owners began renting the 27,000 sq ft space when the Beaux Arts railway station opened in 1913, although the restaurant existed on nearby

42nd Street before then. Tourists flock to the "whispering gallery", just outside the restaurant entrance. A whisper in one corner can be heard clearly in the other corners of the cavernous hall. Zagar's restaurant guide describes the Oyster Bar as a "huge, bustling Grand Central landmark that's everything it should be, with fabulous fresh fish, unbeatable pan roasts, outstanding oysters, wonderful white wines, and classic old New York ambience."

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Living with Alzheimer's

How do you cope when your parent becomes a child? Alida Baxter and Gillian Thomas describe their experiences



Gillian Thomas and her mother, Lilian. "It is sad to realise that we can no longer have a sensible conversation. But you just have to get on with it"

CARING AT HOME

When my mother's neighbours rang me to say she had flooded her bathroom, we knew the day had finally come when she could no longer live alone. She had managed to look after herself in her own home in Birmingham for five years after the death of my father, but with increasing difficulty as Alzheimer's disease slowly took hold.

As a family — I am an only child with a husband and three children in their 20s — we had never discussed what should happen when she could no longer cope, and by that stage she was unable to take any decisions for herself.

So we brought her down to London. Moving her into our house seemed the natural thing to do. I felt it would have been traumatic for her suddenly to be in the unfamiliar surroundings of a home. At least with us she is among people she knows.

If on that fateful evening, we had thought about how long we might have to go on looking after her, the task might have seemed too daunting. Disturbed nights and wet beds, repetitive questions and, worst of all, never having the house to ourselves came as a shock. But we managed to see the funny side, too: one day, I found her chatting to herself in front of a mirror — "I don't know who that lady is but she keeps talking to me," she complained.

The worst time is the evening, when she is at her most disturbed and disorientated. Just when it would be nice to relax in front of the television or read the paper, we get a constant barrage of "Where am I?" "Where are you, Gillian?" and "I want to go home."

No matter how much we try to talk to her, the droning repetition goes on and on, impossible to ignore. In the end, we simply have to put her to bed.

Five years on, we have come to terms with what caring entails and I cannot be grateful

enough for my husband's tolerance. Naturally, he has less reason than me to look after her, yet he does so equally well.

The main burden is being so tied. Fortunately, I work from home as a freelance journalist. So caring has not involved having to give up my job. She can also safely be left alone for an hour or two as she has never wandered. In fact now, aged 90, she scarcely even tries to get out of her chair by herself.

But as she cannot be left alone overnight, impromptu getaways are a thing of the past. Any holidays have to be planned carefully and arrangements made to look after her.

Impromptu getaways are a thing of the past

At first I had a desperate feeling of being trapped. Suddenly we were more restricted than we had ever been; even when the children were small, my parents had always been such willing babysitters.

Fortunately our GP soon arranged for regular "respite" in a special unit at the local hospital — two weeks every three months. We could not survive without it. The children are willing sitters, too, but I prefer not to impinge on their

social life too often and hope that they will never begin to regard their grandmother as a burden.

People often ask if I find it distressing to see her getting more and more confused. Of course I hate having lost my lively mother and it is sad to realise that we can no longer have a sensible conversation. But you just have to get on with it. Naturally there are times when her slowness and stupidity are so irritating that I feel like hitting her. But actually I only shout. Overall I suppose we are lucky that she expresses her frustration and worry in words and has never become violent. And even if she's no longer sure who I am, I believe she still senses my familiarity and love. Surely this must be a comfort to her.

GILLIAN THOMAS

THE NIGHTMARE THAT RECURRED

The worst thing about nightmares is that they can recur. When my aunt died, in her eighties, she'd been suffering from dementia for years. She'd trotted around after us, saying: "I love you, I love you." She'd lost her false teeth, her hearing-aid, her slippers. She'd had to be undressed, taken to the bathroom, put to bed as though she were a baby; and she was just as exhausting, and adorable, as any baby can be. But through it all, my mother had been the strong one, and sharing an invalid with her had seemed like having a crumbling state-

ly home we had to keep going somehow: we never thought we'd manage, but, thanks to her strength, we did.

So I didn't want to believe it, when the nightmare recurred. After my aunt's death, my mother had looked frail. And above all, as time went by, deeply afraid. Her anxiety was more than grieving. One evening, she telephoned me and broke down. "Every night when I try to write my diary, I can't do it," she sobbed. "I can't remember the days. I can't remember a thing!"

Stress, I told her; I should have seen it coming. She'd battled on despite her age; she'd coped with it all. This was a passing reaction — but whatever I said, in my heart I was terrified. For years, I'd listened to my aunt weeping that she'd lost her memory, that everything would be all right if only she could have her memory back. "Not again," I said to myself, sweating. "Please, not again."

I dealt with psychologists and geriatricians, and a social worker gave me a paperback on Alzheimer's disease. As the medication increased, so did the side-effects. We'd rush through the night in an ambulance, and I'd stand by a casualty department trolley, so practised in the terminology that I'd be asked if I was a nurse.

Nurses were staples in our lives now, and like doctors they could provide heaven or hell. In a rehabilitation ward, I saw a nurse get patients to play board games: they were illuminated, their expressions changed, and I went home full of hope. But as the shifts changed, so did the attitudes: some refused to permit such a practice. "There's too much talking," rapped a sister. "And I'm not having it." Two days later, a fresh sister imported another ward's patients to join a tea party "because they're all so silent in here. They need livening up. I don't know what's wrong with them."

People who were already confused became even more disorientated, and I stayed for hours on end, knowing I was the only constant factor in my mother's surroundings. The only place she was safe was at home, but I had to find someone to sit with her while I dashed out. One afternoon, she was radiant. The sister showed what they'd been doing: writing a letter. I picked it up, and my insides turned over. She'd been writing to her lost sister.

"I've missed you, I can't have had an address for you, or I'd have written before — I'll be marvellous when you're home. I can't wait to see you." The sister was dreadfully upset when she found me hiding in the kitchen: she hadn't realised. But I was crying because I was glad. They'd loved each other so much that forgetting her sister was dead had made my mother incredibly happy. I didn't want her to remember.

Alone, I sorted out handfuls of drugs, showered and bed-bathed her, dressed and undressed her, answered and explained, helped her to walk, and during hot months talked into the night and sponged her with cologne at 2 or 3am. "Ummmm," she'd murmur, "lovely." The round was interspersed with the harsh lights of casualty — horrific fevers, a thrombosis — and bouts of respite care that were no respite from anxiety.

In another hospital, I spoke to a doctor because if I missed an hour she wasn't given her medication. He pleaded with me not to complain "because we can't get nurses here, this is geriatric". He said it as though geriatric wards were leper colonies; small wonder his staff weren't motivated.

Yet in pockets there were fantastic teams, nurses who rubbed my mother's hands with lavender oil, who cared for her tenderly, and supported us both. And I'd watch as

wards closed, and precious teams like that were split up. But by now my mother wasn't safe at home either. Illness followed illness, and, half-blind with exhaustion, I'd juggle drugs and hope, and there'd be the ambulance and casualty's lights again.

For years, I'd fought every offer of long-term care. But she needed more than one person. She was taken into a geriatric unit for a trial.

It only took a couple of weeks. She fell not on soft carpets, but on the cement floor of a lavatory where she'd been left. As an inquiry established later, she'd fallen constantly, but the falls hadn't been reported. The fractures were so bad, the nurses showed me the X-rays and a scaffolding of metal. And when she died, she was saying my name.

Geriatric care isn't glamorous, but it can be as poignant and rewarding as the care of a child. We've all been children, and we'll all become old. We may have Alzheimer's disease or some other dementia. We'll need kindness and love — not understaffed wards, or leper colonies. More than anything else, my mother adored hugs and kisses. She deserved better, and I hope that one day people like her will get it.

ALIDA BAXTER

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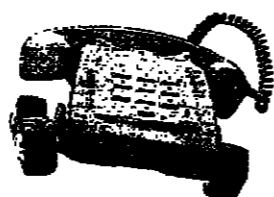
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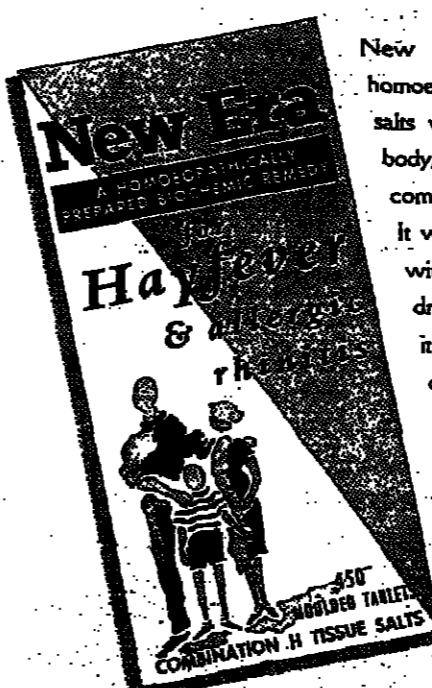
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Be warned: bridge is addictive and leads to strange behaviour

Once the province of the blue-rinse brigade, bridge is growing increasingly fashionable. Susanna Gross reports



The author and Ed Victor have discovered "the antisocial thrill of sitting down with people you've never met before and asking 'Do you play weak or strong no-trump?'"

I wasn't so long ago that people gave me pitying looks when I told them I played bridge. I might as well have told them I was considering a blue rinse. Bridge was a game to take up in your old age, something to keep boredom at bay. But over the past few years a curious change has taken place. Those same people are ringing up and asking me where they can learn bridge. The game, it seems, is back in fashion. And in a big way: Harold Pinter, Lady Antonia Fraser, Charles Saatchi, the theatre impresario Michael White, the fashion guru Isaac Mizrahi — these are just some of the devotees.

But be warned: bridge is seriously addictive and can lead to some strange behaviour. Take the friends who invited me to their Somerset cottage to play for the night — their wedding night, to be precise. After the reception, we returned to their home. The bride, still in her wedding dress, rushed upstairs to slip into something more comfortable, and came straight down to the bridge table, where the groom was fumbling to undo a new pack of cards. We played until dawn.

Or take my holiday with several other bridge players on a beautiful Swedish island last summer. We arrived, unpacked, freshened up, admired the glorious view from the balcony — and headed indoors to cut for partners. We did little else but play for three days. On the fourth day, we decided it was time

to go out. So we loaded our bridge table onto a little hired boat and sailed off to the middle of a bay. There, we found a rock about the size of a large drawing room and resumed play.

It's hard to explain what makes bridge quite so compulsive. It's partly because you can never stop improving: partly because, unlike chess, chance plays a crucial role as well as skill; partly because there are ample opportunities for showing off — and three people, not just one, to congratulate you. In addition, having a partner lends the game a curious intimacy. Communication is all important, which is why an entire language of bridge has evolved. There are, for example, the names given to various manoeuvres: a "squeeze" is an advanced play, but there are endless refinements — the suicide squeeze, the criss-cross squeeze, the non-simultaneous double-squeeze.

But what I enjoy above all are the insights bridge gives you to a person's character. You can learn more about someone during an evening's play than you ever could over dinner. The wild optimist, the timid underbidder, the player with imagination — all is revealed. The man you thought so urbane and charming turns out to blame all his mistakes on his partner; the one you thought pompous has an endearing habit of blaming himself.

It is impossible, however, to grasp the game's appeal until you sit down and play. No one, for

example, was more against the idea of bridge than Ed Victor, the literary agent, whom I met two years ago. When he told me his wife played, I asked if he was tempted to learn. He gave me a horrified look. "Absolutely not," he said. He didn't have time for that sort of thing.

A year later I met him again. Somehow he had a softer, warmer glow about him. "Guess what?" he said. "I love bridge." His wife, it transpired, had given him a course of lessons for his birthday. Or rather, she had asked her bridge teacher to spring a surprise visit at their country retreat. Ed had spent the day shut up in a room with a grandmaster. When he finally emerged, he was a changed man. Now, he no longer greets me with "Hello" or "How are you?" but bursts straight into his latest game: "You know what happened the other night? I had seven hearts with

honours, but we ended up playing in a 4-2 spade fit..."

This, then, is the world of social bridge. But there is also the strange world of club bridge. I first walked into a bridge club about four years ago. It seemed so much easier than organising three people for a game: here was bridge on tap, six nights a week. In a smoke-filled basement, table after table was laid out. Around each table sat an assortment of people — pin-striped City types to dishevelled dropouts, bouffant ladies to gawky youths — all united in a love of bridge.

They were playing what is known as duplicate bridge. This is a competition: you and your partner play every pair in the room. The cards are pre-dealt, so everyone ends up playing the same hands. At the end, the scores are compared. The standard was incomparably higher than anything I was used to. My friends and I had thought we were pretty good. Here, I suddenly

found myself being described as a beginner. "But I've been playing for five years!" I eventually confided to a kindly grandmaster. "Mmm," he replied. "Exactly who with?"

A whole new world of bridge had opened up. Here I was, with people who seemed to do little but think, talk and play the game. Gone was the gossip table-talk I had previously indulged in with friends. Instead, I had to learn to use "bidding boxes" (which prevent people at the next table from overhearing you). And there was no question of my mistakes being laughed off. Instead, opponents would immediately call for the "tournament director", who would come over clutching the *International Laws of Contract Bridge* and reading out its decrees.

Most social bridge players don't go to bridge clubs, and don't want to. But once my terror had subsided, I developed a taste for this underworld. I particularly relished

the unfriendliness of the game: the antisocial thrill of sitting down to play against two people you've never met before and simply asking: "Do you play weak or strong no-trump?"

Despite its genteel image, bridge can be a very macho game. As soon as I was comfortable playing duplicate bridge, I ventured into the world of rubber bridge clubs, where people play for stakes. Before long I had the experience of sneaking off to a club at midnight and promptly losing a day's earnings. Unlike duplicate, at rubber bridge you cut for new partners after each session. Although most people are reasonable, certain players are very rude. "Cut me in, boys," they say as they swagger in. Then they roll up their sleeves, lean back, puff on their cigars, and lose no time in making clear what they think: "Whaddya

do that for? Jesus! Haven't you played this game before?"

Why would I want to play with such people? Because I love the game enough to put up with it. After all, the only way to improve is to play with people who are better than you. And no sport is gentler at the top. Perhaps one day I'll be good enough to play in the so-called "big game" at TGR Bridge Club, on London's Bayswater Road. Here, in a discreet basement, the world's top players, including the flamboyant Zia Mahmood (the most famous of today's stars) and Bob Hamman (ranked No 1) flock to play for the highest stakes in Europe. A punter is not even allowed to join in unless he can lay down a £15,000 deposit — because that's how much he could lose in a few hours.

But, except at this level, money doesn't really come into it. The great majority of games are played for tiny stakes or none at all, and enjoyed just as intensely.

Mike Tyson's despicable and demeaning display on Saturday is a tragedy for all the young people for whom boxers are an inspiring role model. His barbaric behaviour not only gives the wrong signal to the world about boxing, it offers kids who look up to boxers a worrying example.

Childhood influences shape our lives. The most haunting memory of my early years was when, aged eight, I was excluded from my school for fighting. I don't doubt that I was aggressive, disruptive and totally uninterested in learning — but I am very much aware that the school's action could have resulted in me becoming permanently alienated from society.

It was that memory which prompted me to try to do something to help kids who find themselves in a similar situation today. I have been where they are now and I remember how it feels. I was lucky in that my talent for boxing was eventually recognised, and the very thing that provoked my exclusion from school became my salvation. But as I began to achieve success, I became more

Boxer Lennox Lewis deplores the behaviour of Mike Tyson

The kids that I try to help

aware of the fact that learning is the key to a fulfilled life. Kids who find it difficult to function within the conventional education system are regarded as a threat to the rest of society.

I wondered if it would be possible to create a place of learning that would be acceptable to the kind of kids who had found themselves outside conventional education. At present, there are few routes open to them. Most end up in Pupil Referral Units doing classes for a couple of hours a day. Many of the PRUs carry a terrible stigma with them. At the Lennox Lewis College — which opened its doors to 60 pupils in 1995 — we aim to remove that stigma. The



Skills: Lennox sits in on a lesson at the college

criminal justice system and a proportion are in care. The transformation that occurs within a couple of months is amazing. Of course drawing these kids back into full-time education is not easy. We have to build up their confidence by using a number of incentives. But by taking a genuine interest in each student, we can effect a remarkable change.

More conventional schools talk about teaching the three Rs — writing, reading and arithmetic. In order to do that we first have to teach the fourth R — respect. I try hard personally to reinforce that message when I drop in to the college. If I find that a pupil isn't paying attention I'll

say to him: "Hey, listen, man, you need to know this." I use the respect they have for me to inspire respect in their education.

Obviously the level of care and expertise we offer is not cheap. It costs around £12,000 a year to keep a student at this college and currently almost all those funds are being met from my own income. When I set up the college, I did so because I believed passionately in the idea of rehabilitation through education, but I do worry about how long I will be able to carry the burden on my own.

Recently, I met a student's mother. She told me what a difference her son's acceptance at the school had made to her life. It struck me quite dramatically that it might have been my own mother and the student might have been me. Being able to give that boy another chance of achieving a proper education gives me enormous satisfaction. But because it could have been me, but because it was me.

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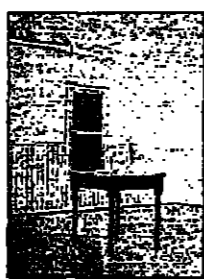
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PARIS GALLERIES: Richard Cork on the Pompidou Centre's stunning tribute to the worlds of Fernand Léger

The bold mechanics of Légerdemain

Hummed in by grey walls, three soldiers play cards with the grim concentration of generals planning a ferocious campaign. Their metal-plated bodies gleam like robots, and the pipes jutting from their mouths send out puffs of gun-smoke. Although the composition has echoes of Cézanne's stolid card-players, these men are far more sinister than Provencal peasants.

Fernand Léger was convalescing from prolonged war service when he painted this impressive canvas in 1917. Drained by his frontline experience in the engineering corps, the 36-year-old artist had just been discharged from hospital. The injured and shell-shocked patients he saw there confirmed his wry belief that the battle strategy "is just as horrible as economic warfare in peacetime. The only difference is that the result is pushed a little bit further: instead of ruining a chap, you kill him."

But Léger, like his trio of card-clutching combatants, was a survivor. From the outset of his superbly installed retrospective at the Pompidou Centre in Paris, he establishes himself as a tough-minded, resolute individual. Although he shared an early love of Cézanne with other Cubist artists, his prewar pictures already define a singular vision. The monumental nudes lumbering through a forest in Léger's first ambitious canvas may belong to a primordial world. But the harsh angularity of their faceted bodies, no less than the metallic trees and vegetation, belong to the machine age as much as to prehistory.

Léger had a formidable appetite for 20th-century urban life, and his Cubist work often focuses on clanking figures whose bulky bodies move through their austere surroundings with unstoppable energy. Léger seems to be commenting on the ruthless impersonality of modern, big-city existence, and his shiny blue and red figures resemble automata. But their structure also derives from a purist determination to strip his pictorial language of everything

except line, colour and form at their most simplified. These roughly summarised bodies may seem robotic, but in one painting they are identified as dancers from the Russian Ballet.

At this stage in his magisterial progress, Léger saw everything in terms of dynamically contrasted volumes, and in his most abstract works they clash against each other like an uneasy prophecy of the war to come. Active service proved a turning point. By the time he painted *The Card Game*, Léger had decided to pull back from abstraction. Looking back on the war years, he recalled being

"dazzled by an open gun breach in the sun, the magic of light on white metal ... Once I had bitten into that reality, the object never left me." He relished the solidity of the machine world, and it may seem surprising that Léger made

so little sculpture. But he also respected the flatness of his picture-surface. Even a powerful 1918 painting called *The Circus Acrobats* resists the temptation to let figures plunge through space. Léger pushes them hard against the picture plane and, instead of savouring their exuberant agility, he turns them into helmeted embodiments of the war years.

What gives this image its outstanding dynamism, though, is Léger's mastery of colour contrasts. The picture is broken up into a patchwork of crisply juxtaposed segments, and their precision is awesome. Before the war, Léger's handling often looked cursory, as if he had no time for ingratiating brushwork. Now, however, everything is organised with exactitude and

aspires to a smooth, almost industrial finish. As if to celebrate his return to a mercifully intact Paris after the devastation of the killing fields, he produced some ambitious paintings of urban life. Gigantic coloured discs pulsate in some of them, recalling the work of his old friend Robert Delaunay. But Léger's vision was harder, less bound up with purely optical sensation. His discs are firmly lodged in the rectilinear geometry of urban architecture, and

a similar feeling of enclosure dominates a 1919 masterpiece simply titled *The City*.

By far the largest canvas Léger had so far produced, it contains at the centre two figures on a staircase. Unlike the similar pedestrians he had painted in the prewar period, these grey bodies lack boisterousness. And the steps they descend are now only a small element in a complex panorama, where colossal letters vie with girders, poles, windows and a host of less identifiable fragments emerged above all by their poster-like colour.

In its size and outspoken suggests that Léger was increasingly stimulated by the spectacle of the billboard, but he was not yet ready to allow

people a prominent presence in his postwar work. Away from the staircase, figures in *The City* are reduced to cut-out forms, sliced off by neighbouring buildings and trapped within the labyrinth of their surroundings.

However much Léger may have been aware of urban alienation and the new century's unprecedented capacity for destruction, he was essentially an optimist. Anguish cannot be found in his work of the 1920s, when so much of his finest work was produced. Léger was profoundly indebted to classicism, and a fascination with Poussin can be detected in many of his grandest images. When figures finally begin to assert themselves in his paintings, though, they convey no hint of nostalgia for the past.

The objects in Léger's best interior work possess as much intensity as the people they accompany. In his 1924



Buildings and signs dominate the two human figures at the centre of *The City* (1919), the work of an artist recently returned from the horrors of war

film *Ballet Mécanique*, screened continually in the middle of the Pompidou exhibition, he relishes a succession of industrial forms. Occasionally a smiling woman on a

plump laundress or the sly, erotic features of Man Ray's mistress Kiki de Montparnasse interrupt the eggbeaters, pistons and other pounding components. But there is no mistaking Léger's determination to give these often-repeated objects as much dignity and significance as the human performers.

Given Léger's infatuation with the archetypal modern city, it was inevitable that he should travel to New York. His first visit in 1931 proved so mesmerising that he returned

again and again, eventually spending most of the Second World War in California, New York and Canada. The American years were marked by a turning-away from angularity. Far from allowing himself to be obsessed with the skyscrapers of Manhattan, he concentrated on the curvilinear rhythms of naked divers and a provocative circus star called Big Julie. The heaviness that had afflicted his most grandiose paintings of the 1930s dropped away, especially in an ebullient canvas called *Adieu New York*, where colour streams across the surface with a new, exhilarating sense of liberation. It anticipates the clangour of Pop Art, and Roy Lichtenstein in particular

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LONDON GALLERIES

IN *Home*, a well-rounded exhibition at the Margaret Harvey Gallery, the arrangement of small sculptural objects avoids the pitfalls of "atmospheric" installation. Obvious reference to the sinister gives way to a more thoughtful collection. Jane Simpson's rubber casts of girls' bedroom ornaments include a little bride perched on the fork of a fake wooden branch. Neil Misra's Union Jack painting has a central black cross. Only the sofa perched in front of Leo's continuous storytelling video hints at the exact scale of the familiar sitting room.

Each of Daniel Cigman's Perspex boxes verbally illustrating a dream punctuates the space while fake flowers, like those washed or blown away from a graveyard, are delicately displayed by Hugh Hamshaw-Thomas. Richard Foster's sweet, pink and white striped detachable mantelpiece and painting are somehow contrarily complemented by the excellent thickly painted red carpet strip by Richard Woods.

Margaret Harvey Gallery, University of Hertfordshire, 7 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3RS (01707 285376), until July 12

THE first venue of Martin, a two-site exhibition featuring 17 artists, or groups of artists, promises well. Stefan Beck's diagram of a musical journey through Frankfurt illustrates to just the right level. Accompanied by music on headphones, a route can be traced from the "reactionary green crowd" to the band of "liberal terror".

Downstairs here, at the Commercial Gallery, Rod Dickenson's pinboard crammed with information collected by "crop circle enthusiasts" hangs near one of his perfunctory spacecraft drawings. John Timberlake's rather dry paintings promise a strange take on an urban invention, while back upstairs Alison Gill's small figure of the Grim Reaper weeps blood. Upstairs, a few streets away, Hiroko Okada's cat's cradle of illustrated kites sets up a light interference across the space.

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THIS year's Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music ended as it had begun, with the music of J.S. Bach. But this was no exuberant culmination: had it not been for the singing of Andreas Scholl, this would have been an evening as damp and dark as the midsummer over which the festival has reigned.

Sigiswald Kuijken and his Petite Bande were in subdued mood. Not only did they choose a severe, Lenten-oriented programme of cantatas, in which the word "sin" refused to go away, but they cast many a shadow over the more innocent instrumental works too. They followed the elegiac Concerto for violin and oboe, BWV1060 (Kuijken and Marcel Ponseele) with the Brandenburg Concerto No 6, in which the austerity of strings old and new — two violas and cello pitted against two violas da gamba and violone — was exaggerated by tired, lacklustre playing seemingly bent on self-denial.

If one dared to look for colour, for varied timbre, for suppleness of inflection within rhythmic precision, then it was to be found only in the singing of countertenor An-

dreas Scholl. But this was quite some "only": it is thrilling to observe Scholl's voice expanding and maturing on each visit to London, and on Saturday he sang as well as I have ever heard him.

The cantata *Widerstehe doch der Sünde* (Hold your own self firm against all evil) showed off the distinctively firm and resonant low register of this exceptional voice. Long, strong phrasing dominated in an aria from *Bekennen* in which Scholl's voice was as firm as steel, before the major work of the evening, *Vernichte Ruß*, *beliebte Seelenlust* (O blessed rest, O welcome heart's delight).

Here the full and extraordinarily wide range of Scholl's countertenor glories in Bach's more expansive and melismatic style. His recitative, always beautifully paced and enunciated, was sensitive to the shifting stages of meditation here: from reflection on the world's ills in robust tone and hard consonants, to a veiling of the voice as God is addressed with humility and remorse. This change also shaped the subsequent aria. Even La Petite Bande could not resist finally tuning their spirits and instruments to musicianship as alert and imaginative as this.

HILARY FINCH

CLASSICAL CHOICE
This week, in conjunction with Radio 3, the distinguished music critic Robert Layton chooses ten favourite recordings

A GREAT record conveys the composer's intentions so vividly that you are hardly aware of the interpreter's mediation. Not only does it somehow bring you into the presence of the composer, but at each repetition some facet of the music that has escaped you before strikes you afresh. In Schenkel's prewar set of the Beethoven Sonatas (EMI CHS 7 63765-2, £79.99) you feel that it is Beethoven himself who is speaking. Nor is there more perfect playing than in two Mozart Piano Concertos, No 17 and No 22, recorded by Murray Perahia and the English Chamber Orchestra (Sony Classical SK 36686 and SK 42242, £15.49 each), blending the bloom of youth and the wisdom of maturity.

Few chamber works are more sublime than Schubert's String Quintet in C, D956 and few performances finer than by the Hollywood Quartet and Kurt Reher (Testament

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We demand a voice on Amsterdam

Michael Howard wants Labour to put the treaty to a referendum

The Amsterdam treaty is a defeat for Britain. The Government has made big concessions to the other members in return for little more than agreements that the United Kingdom can continue to control policies which it has always controlled anyway.

The original purpose of the summit was to prepare for the admission of the Central and Eastern European nations, an aim shared by all the main political parties. But the treaty makes none of the institutional changes that would have brought enlargement forward: it is a prescription for a deeper, not a wider Europe.

The Government has failed to secure a better deal for British fishermen. During the election, Labour agreed with us that the problem of foreign "quota-hoppers" could be tackled only by changing the European treaties. But the Prime Minister has come back from Amsterdam with nothing more than a letter from the Commission that restates the existing situation by confirming Britain's right to issue licences which require a proportion of fish to be landed here. So Tony Blair has done nothing new to prevent foreign boats from fishing our quota.

Nor has the Government come back with any other positive gains. It has done nothing to decentralise power in the EU, nothing to curb the political ambitions of the European Court, and nothing to reform the common agricultural policy — something we used to hear a great deal about when Labour was in Opposition.

Perhaps the most dangerous aspect of the treaty is that it erodes Britain's veto. First, qualified majority voting is extended to 16 new areas, including such vital matters as social and employment policy. Majority voting means that Britain can be forced to adopt measures which it believes to be harmful.

Secondly, Article F of the treaty declares that "the Union shall be founded on the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law, principles which are common to the member states". No one could disagree with this sentiment. The trouble is that human rights can be, and are, interpreted in widely differing ways. Under Article F(a), if EU members find a state guilty of a persistent and serious breach of those principles, they can suspend its voting rights and any other rights it enjoys as an EU member. They are required to consult the European Parliament, but not any judicial body.

It does not take much imagination to see how this clause could be used to disarm the veto. If one country were preventing the others from adopting a measure which they regarded as vital, Article F(a) could be used as a pretext to suspend its voting rights. Anything could be described as a human rights abuse if the political will were there: anti-terrorism legislation or immigration controls. The second

tion of the treaty concerned with fundamental rights talks of anti-discrimination measures and of "a high level of employment and social protection": plenty of ammunition for someone seeking the widest possible interpretation of human rights.

Moreover, while the veto is being removed from the member states, new powers of veto are being given to the European Parliament. Federalists want to create a bicameral legislature, with the Parliament as the lower chamber and the Council of Ministers as a kind of upper house, or Bundesrat, representing the member states. Supporters of this model want the Parliament to be put on an equal legislative footing with the Council, through a procedure known as "co-decision". The idea of co-decision is that instead of national governments having a veto over EU legislation, that blocking power is exercised by the Parliament. Amsterdam extends co-decision to 23 new areas, including social and transport policy. New powers for Strasbourg mean fewer powers for Westminster.

Before the election, Mr Blair claimed that the social chapter could not be used to impose unwanted burdens on British firms. Now he accepts that it can, and his new solution is to plead with the other members not to use the social chapter for the purposes they have always intended it for.

And what has Britain gained? Mr Blair is very proud of having opted out of the European border-free zone. It would be churlish of us to complain, having negotiated the deal ourselves before the election. The equation is simple: Britain has given its permission to the others to use the EU structures in this area in return for guaranteed control over our own frontiers. It is, of course, an unmistakable opt-out. What price our Labour's stated opposition to any permanent opt-outs?

The Amsterdam treaty opens the door to a significant loss of our self-government. The Danish Government has recognised its constitutional importance, and promised its people a referendum. Others may follow suit.

Labour, in general, is fond of referendums. If we are to have a referendum on whether London should have an elected mayor and the North East of England a regional assembly, surely we should have one on a matter of such constitutional significance as the Amsterdam treaty.

Before the election, John Major said that if Amsterdam involved significant constitutional change, we would have to consider a referendum. It does involve such change: it will take powers away from Westminster and give them to Brussels. The British people should be given the chance to say whether they think it is a good deal for Britain. And that means a referendum.

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Long to rain over us

The Royal Pageant of the Horse is the ultimate summer washout

I have an old recording of Edith Sitwell reading her sombre wartime poem for Good Friday, in a doomy, quavering voice. Played it the other day, to cheer myself up:

Still falls the rain
Dark as the world of man,
Black as our loss
Blind as the nineteen hundred
and forty nails
Upon the Cross...

But come now, Dame Edith, you must expect still-falling rain at Easter. As every child knows by now, it replenishes the ground-water supplies and tops up the aquifers, unlike summer rain, which apparently does no good at all but just makes people wet. What drenches the spirit this year is the resolute refusal of June to flame (except, apparently, in the Hebrides). Everywhere else the honourable roll of Great British Washouts lengthens daily, so that you can actually feel your character being formed by adversity. Down goes the Test match on the one day you had tickets and a day off; down goes Auntie's silver wedding garden party, down goes rock at Glastonbury and Handel in the park, Wimbledon and school sports day. It even poured on the handover ceremony in Hong Kong yesterday.

There is a certain spirit of glum camaraderie abroad: my man on the Reading train reports pin-striped commuters smiling with fatherly sympathy at mud-caked sleeping teenagers up from Glastonbury, and at least the thwarted egg-and-spoon favourite aged six can stand together in spirit with Tom Henman, still-lipped as both contemplate soaking frustration.

But after a few days' cheery exchange of Blitz spirit with our compatriots, the most British of us turn a bit snarly. No summer event is safe: I even managed to get washed out of a literary festival the other day. After four hours virtually stationary on various M25 interchanges, with the wipers going full tilt and capsize lorry-drivers trudging along the hard shoulder, it became clear that no power on this wet British earth could deliver me to Devises before dusk. Or get me home, either.

Nothing to do but endure, punch buttons and listen to several hundred over-excited journalists full of free egg-fried-rice yammering on about the last Royal Yacht upping anchor in the last colony as the sun (sob) sets on the Empire. A chance

would be a fine thing, we homebodies snarled from the mud. The sun could set all it liked over here, provided the damn thing came out in the first place.

But the greatest, saddest, glum-mest washout went oddly under-reported. On Sunday night the estimable BBC radio news informed the nation that the Royal Pageant of the Horse, scheduled for Saturday next in Windsor Great Park, is cancelled owing to the ground being made dangerously unstable by rain-fall. Neither television news bulletin bothered even to mention this disaster, being too preoccupied with close-ups of Mike Tyson's teethmarks on Evander Holyfield's ear. Most of the press gave it a passing, straggling mention. Down our way, however, a great howl of grief rose. Never mind that we had, for some months, been gleeful owners of tickets for the stands; never mind that the picnic was planned and the M25 strategy devised. What shook us, having followed the progress of this quixotic, slightly mad enterprise from the start, was the sheer scale of what will not be happening.

Thirteen hundred horses will no longer be required; nor 1,200 temporary stables, 120 carriages, 600 bandmen, 350 musicians, the Bach Choir and six thousand police. One hundred and twenty carriages will stay away, including the Glass Coach in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh went to their wedding 50 years ago. They were to have ridden in it again together, for the first time since, at the triumphant culmination of the evening.

Twelve thousand riders, drivers and grooms belonging to every horseback body from the Household Cavalry to the Pony Club are suddenly free on Saturday evening after all. The gypsy waggons and carthorses are cancelled, the huntsmen can stop polishing their horns. Desert Orchid can have a quiet night in. The Charge of the Heavy Brigade (120 horses, hand-picked for impressiveness and

reasonable records of being willing to stop after a rousing gallop) will not send divots flying. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse will not, after all, be galloping into the arena wearing 15th-century costumes and brandishing glittering scythes at cantering children disguised as Valkyries. Blast.

Major Michael Parker was the man behind this scheme: the biggest ever event of its kind, the most complex, the most challenging in its blend of theatrical and equestrian skills (apparently the two staffs refer to one another as "Fetlock Polishers" and "Luvvie Tendency"). It could only have been Major Parker, really: he is one of our unsung national jewels, a ceremonial showman with a ferocious eye for detail and an enduring tendency to dash real tears from his own eyes at moments he has himself cunningly designed specifically for their throat-lump potential.

After his triumphs at VE-Day, successive Royal Tournaments and British Legion pageants, not to mention his party in Hyde Park for 180,000 children which included a ten-mile-long sausage ("no, 9.98 miles," he always corrects you) he was the natural choice. Who else could bring together Horse Guards, Olympic champions and pony club district commissioners with such panache in such a vast, absurd, sentimental, *haut amateur* tribute to horses and the Queen's lifelong preoccupation with them?

Frankly, it would have knocked the Hong Kong handover into a cocked hat. It was going to take 224 times longer to build the site than to run the actual 90-minute pageant. It was going to generate a forecast four tonnes of horse manure, and a financial surplus from ticket sales to equine and military charities. It was sponsored by Asprey's, without a penny of lottery or public money, because damnit, the horses set are pretty independent and don't go in for whingeing and handouts.

And now it isn't going to happen.

Too much unseasonal wet, too much mud, too much danger. The same cool, practical military eye which set the whole thing up has studied the terrain, assessed the risk to spectators, staff and horses, and calmly but decisively pulled the plug with no chance of reprieve. The Palace has no doubt received the news with equally British phlegm. If corgis are on the receiving end of a sharper word than usual, or highly-polished military toe-caps are swung, suddenly, against stable doors: if, up and down the horse counties, tickets are rammed into refund envelopes with a "Fobal" of repressed fury at being deprived of such catharsis, we shall never know. If the smaller Pony Clubbers' lips begin to tremble at the loss of their big, big night, then they will be firmly quelled by masterful district commissioners. Can't be helped. These things happen. Especially with horses, children: they go lame on the eve of shows, they are stung by wasps in the dressage ring, they die suddenly of inexplicable disorders of the innards. All you can do is your best. Nothing is guaranteed.

What a dull, grey, unprepossessing rice-pudding of a moral that is! What a glum lesson to learn! Even Burns could not make it palatable, telling his sleek fieldmouse that its best-laid plans would gang agley. Myself, I willingly paid opera prices to junket off to Windsor with a gang of eight adults and children, just to see an hour and a half of Major Parker's spirited, barmy, romantically sentimental interpretation of The Horse in History. I like nothing better than a thousand horses careering around with loud bangs, glittering armour, lights and smoke. I am as shocked as any Wimbledon or Test supporter — more, because there can be no replay.

But perhaps the lesson, the sheer lip-stiffening practice, is worth it in this comfortable indoor age of virtual reality and lawsuits for emotional distress. We didn't get the Empire by making a fuss about a few inches of unseasonal rain, did we? No, the only thing to do is what I bet the major is doing: to come over all military, stiffen your back, sweep aside the months of wasted work and anticipation, knock back a stiff whisky and say: "Damn shame. Still..."

Still, what? Don't ask. Tradition decrees that you are never required to complete that thought. No platitudinous reasoning can ease the great disappointment of life. Just a damn shame. Ah well.

Has democracy a future?

Anatole Kaletsky

on a brief encounter

with liberty

Two weeks ago I was sitting in the Pantheon in Rome, after speaking at a conference on the future of global capitalism. As I stared up at Hadrian's gigantic structure — still Europe's largest self-supporting dome after nearly 2,000 years — I reflected on a conversation I had had the previous day with Antonio Fazio, the head of Italy's central bank.

Over the past two years Signor Fazio has astonished the financial world by reducing Italian inflation below the German level and has seen his institution nicknamed "the Bundesbank of the South". The process of wringing out inflation to qualify for European monetary union has had enormous costs. Unemployment has risen to levels not seen since the 1940s. The excitement about renewing Italian democracy which followed the collapse of the corrupt Christian Democrat oligarchy in the early 1990s has been replaced by disillusioned apathy as old, familiar faces return.

It seemed natural to wonder whether the recent sensational elections in Britain and France would produce similar disappointments for voters. Would the Labour Party restore public services, or help the jobless, if this meant threatening the privileges of the upper middle class? Would the French Socialists attack poverty and unemployment if this required a challenge to the conventional wisdom on "European construction" of the administrative and diplomatic elite?

As I sat staring at the 2,000 years of history, it struck me that Emperor Hadrian would have perfectly understood our modern politicians, who build bureaucratic monuments and new European empires on the backs of the ordinary voters of Marseilles, Manchester or Milan. And the Classical Emperors would not have been the only Romans who would smirk at the shallowness of modern democracy. From the Colosseum to the Vatican and the bizarre Fascist structures of EUR, Rome is a monument to the oligarchic concentration of wealth and power.

And Rome is, of course, a microcosm of Western civilisation. Comparing the 2,000-year longevity of the Pantheon to the lifespan of a Disney movie or a Pentium computer, it is hard to resist the idea that equality and democracy may not be the natural human conditions Thomas Jefferson assumed. Which brings me to Hong Kong.

Six million people are moving from Western democracy to communist oligarchy. The lavish celebrations are attended by presidents, monarchs and statesmen. One can see why the Chinese are celebrating, but what about the British, Americans and, above all, the people of Hong Kong? There are plenty of cynical explanations: power politics, opportunism, hypocrisy, post-imperial guilt. But there are also objective indicators — for example the record prices of property — which suggest that Hong Kong's enthusiasm for the communist future may be sincere.

To people carried away by the millennial triumphalism of American-style capitalism, Hong Kong's perverse enthusiasm for the future has a decidedly upbeat explanation. Western-style democracy is the inevitable way of the future. The Hong Kongers know it is just a matter of time before democracy sweeps the whole of China in an onward march of freedom around the world.

But there is a less euphoric explanation. Perhaps the people of Hong Kong do not give two hoots about democracy. They were, after all, ruled by a distant autocracy until the arrival of Chris Patten, and most have shown little interest in politics in the past few years.

Perhaps they value their ethnic identity above their individual freedom. Perhaps the people of Hong Kong simply take it for granted that they will be governed by oligarchs, and hope for nothing more than to get on with their private affairs. Perhaps, indeed, the same indifference to politics is sweeping over Europe as national politics is swallowed by a distant bureaucracy in Brussels: as economic control is handed to unelected central bankers, as moral values are deemed to be outside the political realm, as elections themselves just revolve the door on indistinguishable technocratic coalitions.

The Western optimists believe that Hong Kong's period of communist autocracy will prove but a brief aberration before China itself is eventually swept up by the tide of democracy. But the Chinese and many other Asians have a very different sense of history. The can look back, like the Romans, over centuries in which democracy has never played a serious part. Zhou Enlai, the late Chinese Prime Minister, was asked on his first state visit to Paris what he thought of the principles of the French Revolution. "It is too early to say," he replied.

As the world prepares for the end of the millennium it is worth reflecting that democracy has prevailed for 50 of the past 2,000 years. Should we then conclude that its triumph is now inevitable around the world? It seems much too early to say.

Hip, hip

TWO years after she had one hip replaced, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother wants her doctors to set to work on her other one. In November 1995, she had her hip done at the King Edward VII Hospital in London. One of the principal surgeons for that operation was William Muirhead-Allwood, now, after a sex-change operation, known as Sarah.

At the time of her first hip replacement, the Queen Mother's doctors were concerned that she

might be too fragile for the procedure. They were clearly unfamiliar with HRH's constitution. So agile has she been with the one new hip, she thinks it is by no means too late to have the other one brought up to scratch.

Her medical advisers, however, are once again not so sure. At 97, they are concerned that the trauma of another operation might be too much. "She is very determined to have the operation," says my man behind the surgical screen. "And

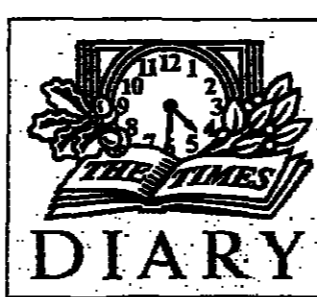
judging from the outcome of her last operation, she knows what's best for herself."

Dr Muirhead-Allwood is still working at the King Edward VII Hospital and since he became a she has performed on such notables as Cardinal Hume. "She remains at the top of her field," says my source of Sarah M-A, "and would undoubtedly perform on the Queen Mother if she persists in asking for the operation."

Deaf ear

NO answer is forthcoming from the Prime Minister's team on why he chose not to use the interpreter when listening to President Jiang Zemin's speech in Chinese on re-taking Hong Kong. On each side of him, there was the Prince of Wales, Chris Patten, the former Governor, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, all wearing earpieces listening to the English translation of the President's speech. But not Tony Blair.

Does he speak Mandarin perhaps? No, said his press team. Was it a snub then? No, said his press team. Was it perhaps vanity, that he did not want to be snatched with a wire trailing from his ear? No again. Which leaves the only possible answer, that another earpiece would have reflected with the same



rumoured to be already inserted, which leads straight back to his officials in No 10.

Bracing news

IN their search for a successor to Mary Robinson, the Irish President, Ireland's main political parties have been looking north of the border to Mary McAleese, the Catholic Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast. Professor McAleese, who was born in the fiercely nationalist Ardoyne, is said to have been approached by Fine Gael. Fianna Fáil and the Irish Labour Party about standing as a unity candidate for the post.

Like Robinson, McAleese, who wears braces on her teeth, trained as a lawyer and is not known for pulling her punches. She is a keen critic of the Roman Catholic

Church on account of its lack of accountability and recently said that it was "mischievous, if not quite dangerous" to educate Protestant and Catholic children together.

False expectations are the main hazard at tonight's Tate Gallery centenary dinner, to be attended by Diana, Princess of Wales. Pudding consists of a huge cake. "It's enormous and covered in thousands of coloured lightbulbs," says Anne Beckwith-Smith, the organiser of the event. Just one thing. "Oh no. You can't eat it," she says. "It's just to look at."

Hog boast

FOR the stressed-out Tory, Viscount Cranborne, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, has an alternative to transcendental meditation: pig-keeping. Like P.G. Wodehouse's Lord Emsworth, Cranborne finds nothing so peaceful as leaning his wellingtons against a fence and gazing into his sty. During the election, in which he served as John Major's chief of staff, colleagues said he could instantly dissolve a tense moment with his pig-talk.

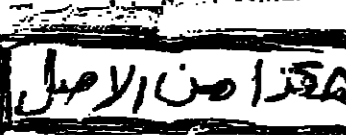
"I have two Tamworth sows and a Large Black sow, called Black Beauty, which my wife gave me for Christmas," says Cranborne.



Sow proud: Lord Cranborne

"She's an excellent specimen and recently came third in the Bath and West Show." Even better, the sow appears to be doing its dynastic duty. "Black Beauty's been pregnant twice already," says Cranborne. "When I got her she gave birth to 13 little piglets." Life as a Cranborne pig, however, is not all mud and swill. "I eat my pigs all the time, they're very good," says their owner. "We're not as sentimental in the country as you townies."

P.H.S.





WELSH LABOUR

The vital difference between Blair and Davies

Devolution should be an exercise in letting go for Labour in Wales it is currently a battle to get a grip. The principled arguments in favour of decentralising power to the Principality have been overshadowed by the attempts to impose a centrally dictated line on members of the Welsh Labour Party. The authority which should be conferred by the parliamentary dominance that Labour enjoys in Wales has been undermined by the heavy-handed manner in which that control has been exercised. The Welsh Secretary, Ron Davies, may believe that his MPs should open their mouths only to hymn the party's praises, but they are elected representatives not a male voice choir. The danger for devolutionists is not that Labour may fail to deliver because some backbenchers have honest reservations; it is rather that the Welsh people may have deep doubts about voting for an assembly which could institutionalise the arrogance Mr Davies displays.

The Labour leadership's desire to maintain the discipline which routed the remnants of the Welsh Tory party at the election is understandable. Factionalism and personal jealousies have impeded the party's past effectiveness and it is still haunted by the memory of the 1979 devolution referendum. The then Prime Minister, Jim Callaghan, a Cardiff MP, and the Leader of the House, Valleys Member Michael Foot, had to endure a brilliant campaign of opposition, led by Neil Kinnock, which prompted 80 per cent of those voting to say no. Eighteen years of Conservative rule have, according to the opinion polls, reversed attitudes. Mr Davies, however, appears by his actions not to believe completely in the conversion of his countrymen to the devolutionary cause.

There are three aspects to the manner in which Mr Davies is advancing his case which are the mark of a fixer, not a crusader. First, the Welsh assembly will not enjoy the tax-raising powers intended for its Scottish

sister. It is argued that a body whose aim is to bring a measure of democratic scrutiny to the Welsh Office does not itself need to raise revenue. Tony Blair, however, pointed out in the election that even the lowest parish council can raise taxes. The failure to trust the Cardiff assemblymen with such powers suggests that, in the eyes of the Labour leadership, the Welsh people does not want devolution enough to pay for it.

Secondly, the referendum intended to establish the degree of support that devolution enjoys will take place weeks after a similar vote in Scotland. Officially, the delay is prompted by a recognition that Scottish devolution will dominate debate and Wales needs time to have its needs discussed in detail. Unofficially, the delay is intended to isolate Welsh opposition. It will be a lonelier battle for the "no" campaign if Scotland has already said yes. Labour will not so much ask the Welsh if they want an assembly in its own right as invite them not to forgo what their Celtic cousins have just acquired — a case of keeping up for the Joneses.

Thirdly, Mr Davies appears determined to fight for devolution not by advertising its merits but by demonising its opponents. His anxiety at the prospect of Labour MPs campaigning against an assembly is not motivated primarily by fear that their doubts will carry the day. His anger stems from the sabotage that their dissent does to his best argument, which is, bluntly put, vote "yes" because the Tories are against it.

If Labour MPs have principled objections to devolution then the referendum becomes a vote on the issues rather than a vote on the Tories, and that makes life much more difficult for Mr Davies. Given the lengths to which he has now gone, a defeat in the referendum would be a disaster for Mr Davies, but not Mr Blair, who has deprecated coercion and who has rightly stressed that devolution depends on proper consent.

END OF EMPIRE

Time to focus on the small responsibilities that remain

Emotion flowed freely in Hong Kong yesterday. For many it was a day of celebration and excitement, pride and patriotic fervour. But for the departing British it was also a moment of nostalgia and regret, sadness and a sense of loss. Not only was the Union Flag lowered for the last time on a colony that was the last substantial remnant of an Empire that once covered the globe, but in their speeches, ceremonies and parting gestures representatives of the Crown, the Government and the Armed Services recalled an almost forgotten sense of duty and responsibility, good government and dedication to the peoples over which Britain once held sway.

Yesterday did not mark the end of Empire, that came in 1947 when Britain granted independence to India. That was the crucial moment when it became clear that a nation exhausted by war could no longer maintain indefinitely its rule over distant possessions. A decade later, the independence of Ghana marked a final hectic period of decolonisation as one by one the states of Africa proclaimed their independence. With the loss of Hong Kong, all that remains now are a few small islands, once staging posts on the shipping routes to the colonies; that are either too small or too remote to make their way alone in the world.

There were tears in Hong Kong yesterday. And it was not only Chris Patten who struggled to contain the conflicting emotions. Many Hong Kong Chinese looked back with gratitude on what Britain had done for them, on the good government, rule of law and impartial civil service that has provided a framework for the prosperity of this once barren island. Britons, too, can reflect with pride on what they and their ancestors have contributed not only to Hong Kong but to those dominions and colonies

over which the Union Flag once flew. The years of post-colonial guilt and apology for imperialism have, at last, given way to a more balanced, historical assessment. Even the Chinese, recalling more than 150 years of "national humiliation", admitted this week that British rule was not all bad.

With the fall of communism, European empires have now all been swept away. Some fell in violence and chaos. Belgium and The Netherlands had a poor record and did least to prepare their possessions for independence. Others, such as Germany and Italy, had their colonies seized after defeat in war. France left some countries with good education and strong economy; but Algeria is still suffering from the violence and trauma in which its independence was born. Partition in India, violence in Aden cost millions of lives and blemished Britain's record. But on the whole this country withdrew from its Empire better than most.

With the loss of Hong Kong, Britain, which once administered the biggest Empire the world has ever seen, now has responsibility for fewer than 180,000 people in the remaining dependent territories. France still has three times as many citizens in its overseas *départements*, and has long given them full integration with metropolitan France. For these remaining few, Britain retains political and moral responsibility. Sadly the record here is poor. Drug-taking and money-laundering in the Caribbean, arguments over sovereignty in the Falklands and Gibraltar and the most appalling neglect of St Helena, Britain's Atlantic Alcatraz, betray official irritation at being saddled with these pinpricks from a bygone age. There will be no more transfers of sovereignty. It is time now that the old ideals of Empire were properly applied to the small territories where Britain still holds sway.

FORTIFY THE CHANCELLOR

There is a symbol and soda in the oddest Budget traditions

Gordon Brown presents Labour's first Budget for 18 years tomorrow. The economics of it will influence the political weather all year. Because Budgets have losers as well as winners, it may bring the Government's honeymoon with its electorate down to earth with a bump. But although the Chancellor is a Roundhead in a hurry, he is still stuck with the quaint traditions of the Budget.

The Chancellor will still be expected to brandish Gladstone's battered old Budget box outside No 11. He will make his ministerial broadcast in the evening. And the press will show an inordinate interest in the contents of his glass of liquid on the dispatch box, which for the only time in the parliamentary year need not be water. The Chancellor should choose his tupples with care for the message it sends.

Harold Macmillan said that Budget day was "rather like a school speech day — a bit of a bore, but there it is". And in his only Budget, he went along with the drama of parliamentary speech day by fortifying his speech with his native Scottish drink that is stronger than Scotch mist. Disraeli protested that he knew nothing of finance. So as Chancellor he sipped white port, to which he added his Budget speech, which must have given him a wicked hangover. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead took brandy and water as a concentrated version of fine claret. The austere Stafford Cripps had nothing

but water in his carafe, and his Budgets were appropriately dispiriting. The Chancellor who demanded gin as a transparent camouflage was put down by his Sir Humphrey asking, "Neat, Chancellor?". Nigel Lawson switched from whisky and soda to spritzer. This suited his new slimming diet, as well as being more compatible with keeping the brain working at high speed for long hours. And, as with so much Budget lore, Gladstone started the tradition with his five-hour Budget speeches. His nonconformist supporters might have preferred him to lubricate them with the milk of human kindness. But Gladstone had a grand old British taste for port.

Rhetoric can make the Budget speech tick. But liquor is quicker. The best audience too is intelligent, dressed up for speech day and post-prandial in spirit. Even the new House of Commons should still be able to pass at least one of these qualifications.

According to Enoch Powell, the ideal state for making a speech is to have a half-full bladder to focus the mind and stop the vocal chords from going on too long. But even if the Chancellor does not need anything but water for his big day, he should put a little colouring in it to honour the old tradition. Tomorrow is the one-day in the year when the attention of the entire nation is focused on the national economy — as well as what is oiling its steward's throat.

Praise for Patten's Hong Kong role

From Sir Peter Heap

Sir, Hong Kong's Governor, Chris Patten, continues to be criticised by certain former Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials and others, particularly for the limited extension of democratic government under his administration. As a former FCO official with recent experience in Hong Kong I take a wholly different view.

Chris Patten has done an excellent job, deserving recognition in these last days of office. His critics, including former ambassadors to China, see Hong Kong from a Beijing perspective; they see it as a relatively small city in the vastness of China and as a possible irritant in the larger picture of Anglo-Chinese relations that must be smoothed at almost any price.

Patten has been perceptive enough to see other important dimensions. Above all there was his duty to the people of Hong Kong. He could not, should not and, to his credit, did not, ignore their aspirations. When Martin Lee's Democratic Party swept the elections shortly before his arrival this sent a message that no British governor, in any colony at any time, should have ignored. Our colonial history gave him plenty of guidance on what happens when you try to put the lid on such pressures. Patten's consistently high popularity among the people of Hong Kong showed that they understood this.

Patten also understood that Hong Kong has a concentration of British interests, investments, trade, British citizens, not matched by the whole of China. He had to stand up for these interests, even if that sometimes appeared to rock the boat.

The modest extension of democracy in electing the Legislative Council was not the result of a rush of blood during Patten's first months. A well researched study for Chatham House earlier this year shows that it was something that Britain had been trying to do for some time previously.

That Hong Kong is being handed over in good order owes much to Chris Patten. This country, the people of Hong Kong, and the FCO should be grateful.

Yours etc,

PETER HEAP
(Senior Trade Commissioner,
Hong Kong, 1989-92),
6 Carlsle Mansions,
Carlsle Place, SW1,
June 28.

From Mr B. Chong

Sir, There is one bit of good news about the handover, sadly the only one. The seed of democracy, open government, media accessibility and public accountability has been sown.

Once people have a taste of freedom, they know what is good or bad. I write as one whose family fled China for Hong Kong to avoid communist persecution in the 1950s.

Yours faithfully,

B. CHONG,
102 Greenhill Road,
Winchester, Hampshire.
June 27.

'Lunchtime' abortion

From Ms Jane Bloomfield

Sir, We should not confuse the difficulty of taking the decision to terminate a pregnancy with the unpleasantness of the surgical procedure (report, "Lunchtime abortion on offer", later editions, June 28).

Any development which reduces the trauma caused by the operation should be welcomed, or do we want to further punish women for their mistakes?

Yours faithfully,
JANE BLOOMFIELD,
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June 30.

Final frontier

From Mrs Yve Menzies

Sir, It is wrong to say (Dr Graeme Archer's letter, June 27) that it is a criminal offence not to carry your passport as a foreigner in Italy. If, as it appears, Dr Archer is a resident Italian driving licence will be accepted as identification; and, as an Italian resident, he would be entitled to an Italian identity card, although this could not be used out of Italy.

From Milan due west to the border with France is one of the most important drug routes in Italy. It is small wonder the police stop cars. Dr Archer describes them as heavy-handed and largely ineffectual, but the Carabinieri anti-drug squads have an enviable reputation throughout Europe in combating the proliferation of drugs.

In over fifteen years, in common with most foreigners, I have never been asked for my identity card, let alone my passport, except when flying back to the UK.

Yours faithfully,
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June 29.

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West must 'put own house in order'

From Dr Robin Russell-Jones

Sir, President Clinton's failure to deliver any targets for reducing carbon-dioxide emissions (report, June 24; letters June 25, 26) betrays a cynical disregard for the welfare of future generations. His position is indefensible, for the scientific case is overwhelming and his own Vice-President has written extensively on the need to combat global warming.

Yours faithfully,

ROBIN RUSSELL-JONES,
Atholl House, Church Lane,
Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.
June 29.

From Mrs Uta Bellion

Sir, Your proposal (leading article, June 24) that rich nations should pay for cuts in poor countries' emissions is fundamentally flawed. It is still the industrialised countries which have the highest per capita emissions. The G8 nations alone, accounting for only 12.2 per cent of the world's population, contribute 47 per cent to global carbon-dioxide emissions (21 per cent alone from the US).

"Joint implementation", as your proposal is usually described, will allow these countries to avoid taking measures to achieve reductions in emissions at home, many of which would be beneficial economically, socially and environmentally.

Industrialised countries must put their own house in order first, investing in cost-effective energy efficiency, clean, renewable energy supplies like wind, wave and solar, along with other measures, of which there are many. Investments like these not only dramatically cut CO₂ emissions; they will create tens of thousands of jobs in the UK alone. Leadership like this can set an example to the rest of the world and become the basis for substantive global CO₂ emission cuts at December's climate-change convention in Kyoto.

Yours truly,

UTA BELLION
(Policy Director),
Friends of the Earth,
26-28 Underwood Street, NI,
June 27.

From Dr Georgina Green

Sir, The idea put forward by the governing body of Formula One (report, June 12) that motorists should offset

their carbon emissions by paying for the planting of trees, thus removing the need to tackle carbon emissions, is nonsensical.

Global climate change from increased atmospheric carbon is the single biggest threat facing this planet. The increase comes from the use of fossil fuels, and it is that which has to be tackled.

Tree plantations effect a net removal of carbon only in their early years, when they are growing rapidly. In order that the carbon isn't released into the atmosphere, the mature forest has to be left untouched for eternity. More and more new trees would always be needed and the area under forest would have to increase indefinitely.

Whilst an increase in forest cover (in the right circumstances) is highly desirable, tree-planting is not an alternative to reducing our emissions. Donating £10 to a tree-planting scheme cannot buy motorists a licence to pollute; measures to cut car use and encourage more sustainable modes of transport are essential.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGINA GREEN,
Friends of the Earth,
26-28 Underwood Street, NI.

From Mr Adrian Hilton

Sir, The plea by Mr Dirk Jones (letter, June 25) to zero-rate those items which encourage saving (insulation, glass, solar heating, etc) is totally unrealistic, because the tax (unconstitutionally) is unrepayable. The Chancellor confirmed this when he was asked in a radio interview last October about Labour's plans for VAT on fuel and replied: "I'd like to remove it altogether, but it can't be done."

It was the Labour Government in 1977 which signed the sixth VAT directive to standardise the VAT base throughout Europe, and since Labour is committed to finalising the single market by 1998, both the VAT base and VAT rates will need to be harmonised. Britain can only be as "green" with VAT as Brussels allows.

Yours faithfully,

ADRIAN HILTON
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for Stratford-upon-Avon,
Referendum Party, 1997),
Priory House, Amersham Road,
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.
June 25.

Green city traffic

From the Public Policy Manager of the AA

Sir, The aim of city-centre pedestrianisation should be to keep the car out and get the car occupants in ("Green cities drive out plague of cars", report, June 25).

But even in Freiburg, the city on the edge of the Black Forest featured in your report, the car still has an important role to play.

Reporting on a visit there two years ago, the House of Commons Environment Select Committee said: "80 per cent of the population around Freiburg uses the car to shop in the city... They (the city authorities) believe that parking has to be provided for retail businesses to remain profitable."

Pedestrianisation does provide a good shopping environment. But as important is access by quality public transport linked to park-and-ride facilities that meet the modern consumer's expectations.

Cities like Freiburg have invested in alternatives to the car, and their citizens enjoy public transport services that we can only envy. If we are to achieve similar sustainable and acceptable transport policies in this country, we must end the chronic underfunding of all forms of transport.

Yours faithfully,

BERT MORRIS,
Public Policy Manager,
The Automobile Association,
Norfolk House, Priestley Road,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

BBC World Service

From Ms Amina Jilani

Sir, Mr Jeffrey Dudgeon (letter, June 23) may be right about "most foreign listeners" to the World Service not being interested in hearing about their own country, but here in Pakistan, and the same may be true for other Third World countries, the BBC World Service — especially the English service — is an important source of information about our own country.

While our press is relatively free, television and radio are totally state-controlled and thus often uninformative.

During our frequent national crises we rely totally on the BBC to tell us what is happening from hour to hour.

Yours etc,

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June 26.

From Mrs Jocelyn Hay, Chairman of Voice of the Listener and Viewer

Sir, In view of the important role the BBC World Service plays in disseminating impartial news throughout the world, one of our concerns is that it has become an integral part of the BBC's commercial arm. We fear that its priorities may have changed from

Worth the wait

From Mr Frederick Costick

Sir, I should like to congratulate Benedict Nightingale for one phrase in his review of *Waiting for Godot* at the Old Vic (June 30):

... a cross-section of fallible humanity waiting in an infinitely insecure world for an infinitely improbable salvation.

It is so succinct but all-embracing that it virtually eliminates the need to go and see the play. As a teacher of French literature, I used to plough through acres of soggy commentary in the hope of finding such a treasure.

FRED COSTICK,
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Silverdale Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.
June 30.

maximising audience reach to maximising profits.

In order to mark our concern we, together with the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are holding a public meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, on July 17, at which the deputy managing director of the World Service will be speaking.

Yours faithfully,

JOCELYN HAY,
Chairman, Voice of the Listener and Viewer,
101 King's Drive, Gravesend, Kent.
June 27.

From Professor Emeritus J. T. Coppock

Sir, Mr Dudgeon wants Radio 4 re-broadcast on the World Service. May I suggest, as a regular listener to *Newsday* and *Newsweek*, that the reverse is more appropriate.

I listen with interest to the balanced presentation of real news and then perforce hear the progressively down-market contributions of Radio 4. Of course, this is only following the trend in the press of highlighting any sexual or financial peccadillo, however trivial.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. COPPOCK,
57 Braid Avenue, Edinburgh.
June 24.

Summer's chill

From Mr R. W. Butler

Sir, "The bullfrog breed" indeed (leading article, June 28). Last night I attended the Bradford College Greek play in the open-air Greek theatre. By the time it finished at about 11pm I was wearing a mixture of cricket, skiing, shooting, fishing, boating and even commuting gear.

Henley is clearly going to be a challenge if this weather continues. By the way, the play was superb.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BUTLER,
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Willow Lane,
Wargrave, Berkshire.
June 29.

Unemployment and crash of 1929

From Sir John Walley

Sir, The 1929 stock market crash must have had many disastrous consequences but Lord Rees-Mogg ("Nemesis on Wall Street", June 26) is wrong in thinking that the collapse of Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Government was one of them.

Rees-Mogg was then only a very small child. But I was there as an official of their charming Minister of Labour, Margaret Bondfield, preparing a Bill for the 40-hour week. It might indeed have been new Labour! What brought that Government down was nothing to do with the City or the stock market: it was the need to reduce the rates of unemployment benefit by about 10 per cent to match a long fall in prices and wages since the rates had been fixed by the first MacDonald Government.

It was a very difficult issue for a Labour Government with strong trade union links and when Miss Bondfield brought it to Cabinet, months before the crash, her paper was ordered to be removed from the Cabinet records. But John Maynard Keynes, then chief economic adviser, and his colleagues had the same idea and it came back to them in the first report of the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance, which they themselves had appointed.

It was this report which led to the break-up of MacDonald's second Government, not any stock market crisis; and it was the endorsement of the drastic cuts of pay as well as unemployment insurance benefit by the National Government and their endorsement by the people at the 1931 election which set us on the road to recovery. But I cannot see any link with new Labour's prospects.

Yours truly,

JOHN WALLEY
(Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Pensions and
National Insurance, 1938-66),
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June 26.

Omnibus time

From Mr Paul Twyman

Sir, Your leading article ("Omnibus time", June 26) paints such a rosy picture of bus operations in London that I can only assume that you do not use the buses in my part of the metropolis.

The contractual arrangements between London Buses Ltd and the individual operating companies — which, interestingly, ministers want to keep secret on spurious grounds of commercial confidentiality (*Hansard*, written answers, June 19) — are sadly deficient, particularly in relation to timekeeping and route supervision. Effective monitoring of performance is almost entirely lacking, customer complaints procedures seem designed to choke off complaints rather than provide useful management information.

The bus operators are forever blaming traffic congestion. This is obviously a problem — but this does not explain why buses start their journeys early, nor why so many cancellations occur due to engineering problems and lack of buses.

Waiting for a bus for 50 minutes at the end of my road — on an inner-city route — does not lead me to conclude that London bus regulation is a model for anything — just a way of cutting costs at the expense of the customer.

Yours faithfully,

PAUL TWYMAN
(Under-Secretary,
Department of Transport, 1985),
11 Finsbury Road, SE5,
June 27.

Dormice or Labour?

From Mr G. F. Axe

Sir, The new Labour Government was elected to eliminate droughts ("Is it dormice, or is Labour to blame?", report, June 28). It has ended the drought of ineffectual Tory rule, the drought of British sporting success and the weather drought of early spring. What more could you want?

Yours etc,

G. F. AXE,
81 Upper Road, Kennington, Oxford.

Lions' victory

From Mr Oliver Stogdon

Sir, Does not the British Lions' victory (reports, June 30) in South Africa make a great case against the proposed devolution of Scotland and Wales?

Yours sincerely,

OLIVER STOGDON,
Lands Cottage, Swerford,
Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

Self-regulation

From Mr Peter Calver

Sir, I note from today's *Appointments* supplement that the DTI is seeking members for the Low Pay Commission.

Apparently commissioners will be unpaid. Well, that should concentrate the mind.

Yours faithfully,

PETER CALVER,
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June 26.

...with all the criticism and celebrity has aroused?

GER was not charged with complicity in any other drug offence that occurred in the same house.

We have, therefore, a conviction against MR. JAGGER purely on the ground that he possessed four Italian pep pills, quite legally imported without a prescription. Four is not a large number. This is not the quantity which a pusher of drugs would have on him, nor even the quantity one would expect in an addict. In any case, MR. JAGGER's career is obviously one that does involve great personal strain and exhaustion. The court says that he approved the occasional use of these drugs, and it seems likely that similar drugs would have been prescribed if there was a need for them.

the fact that I'm trying to speculate on the JUDGE's reasons which we do not know. It is, however, possible to consider the public reaction. There are many people who take a primitive view of the matter, what one might call a pre-legal view of the matter. They consider that MR. JAGGER has "got what was coming to him." They resent the anarchic quality of the Rolling Stones' performances, dislike their songs, dislike their influence on the youth, and so on. They broadly suspect them of decadence, a word used by Miss Monica Purfing in the *Daily Mail*.

As a sociological concern this may be reasonable enough, and at an emotional level it is very understandable, but it has nothing at all to do with the case. One has to ask a different question: has MR. JAGGER received the same treatment as the other defendants? Has he been a victim of a famous figure, with all the criticism and resentment his celebrity has aroused?

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Littlewoods rethink after sale talks break down



Ross: price was key factor

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

LITTLEWOODS, the privately-owned stores to football pools business, has abandoned plans to sell its 135 high street stores after talks with Kingfisher, the owners of Woolworths and Comet, broke down over price and conditions attached to the proposed sale.

Littlewoods's revised plans envisage the sale of 35 of its high street properties. James Ross, chairman, said this would result in an unspecified number of job losses. The stores currently employ 10,000 people.

Mr Ross said: "Any deal is about

price, price and price." It is believed that Kingfisher wanted to pay no more than £500 million, while Littlewoods had been hoping to raise up to £600 million from the sale. At the insistence of the Moores family, which owns the company, Littlewoods said the chain should be sold as a going concern in order to protect jobs. Kingfisher would have been compelled to guarantee job security and maintain the Littlewoods name. Its talks with Littlewoods were on and off throughout because of the conditions. Retailers including Tesco, Boots, Marks & Spencer and Next are now

expected to table offers for individual stores. Kingfisher is also expected to bid for some stores to add to its Woolworths and Superdrug chains. Mr Ross would not say how much the company hopes to raise from the limited store sales now planned, but he said that any cash would be reinvested in the remaining, smaller high street outlets. They will be an average 10,000 to 15,000 sq ft in size and on no more than two floors. They will concentrate on ladieswear and on Littlewoods's own Berkertex brand. The stores may even be re-branded as Berkertex.

Littlewoods also announced yesterday that it has appointed a new chief executive, Barry Gibson, group retail director of BAA, will start the job on September 1. Before BAA, Mr Gibson worked for Burton Group and, in the Seventies, for Littlewoods. He will be replaced at BAA by Brian Collie, the retail director of UK airports. Mr Ross, who has been working full time as chairman and acting chief executive, will become part-time chairman.

The company remains committed to buying the Freemans catalogue business from Sears. It is waiting to hear from the Department of Trade and Industry on whether the deal may go ahead. The Monopolies and

Mergers Commission is due to report to the DTI by July 21, but Mr Ross said that he does not expect to hear the final decision until September. He said the company remains confident that the takeover will be allowed to go ahead. Mr Ross said that if the Freemans deal is also blocked, Littlewoods plans to launch some direct mail catalogues. The company is also looking to expand its leisure business so it is less dependant on the struggling football pools side, which has been hit by the National Lottery.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4804.5	(-35.7)
Value	2194.52	(-14.55)
Nikkei	20604.96	(+81.21)
Dow Jones	7647.01	(-40.71)
S&P Composite	882.88	(-4.42)

US RATE

Federal Funds	6.50%	(51%)
Long Bond	97.75%	(98.75%)
Yield	6.82%	(6.75%)

LONDON MONEY

3-month Interbank	6.50%	(6.75%)
Life long gilt	113.75%	(114.75%)

STERLING

New York	1.6645	(1.6632)
London	1.6643	(1.6621)
DM	2.9001	(2.8959)
FF	5.7710	(5.7340)
SP	2.6293	(2.6077)
Yen	150.44	(150.35)
S Index	102.1	(101.8)

DOLLAR

London	1.7430	(1.7395)
DM	5.8750	(5.8540)
FF	1.4600	(1.4525)
Yen	110.40	(110.33)
S Index	102.7	(102.6)

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	\$18.45	(\$18.25)
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GOLD

London close	\$334.35	(\$336.55)
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* denotes midday trading price

Beckett gets tougher with utility groups

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE President of the Board of Trade has launched a thorough review of utility regulation.

Just 48 hours before Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, was due to relieve utilities of billions of pounds through the windfall tax, Margaret Beckett said she wanted greater protection for consumers. The review will address widespread public concern about high charges, poor service and excessive pay for directors of utilities.

Mrs Beckett said she was determined there should be a better balance between customers and shareholders and that regulators must be more accountable to all stakeholders for the way they conduct their business.

Mrs Beckett's review will target gas, electricity, telecoms and water. A separate investigation by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, will look at transport.

The whole framework of regulation could be changed as the Government seeks to tackle concerns that have plagued the utilities since they were privatised. A vast range of issues will be on the table for scrutiny, ranging from the pricing formula that determines bills to executive pay and dividends.

The Government has endorsed competition among utility suppliers but is keen to underpin competitive markets with fresh obligations on companies and regulators to ensure protection for low-income households. Mrs

Beckett said: "These are essential industries operating in very important areas of our economy and they have to deliver the kind of service people need at the kind of prices they can afford to pay."

The wide compass of the review, which will be conducted by government officials, will trigger fears among companies that regulation and government policy is likely to become tougher and more interventionist. Mrs Beckett denied the review would lead to more government control, saying: "They are private sec-

Sewer Trent set to make £134m payout

SEVERN TRENT yesterday shrugged political sensitivities to outline plans for a £134 million return to shareholders through a reorganisation of its share capital yesterday.

Other companies, notably Southern Electric, are preparing handouts to their shareholders after tomorrow's Budget. Most electricity and water groups have handed back cash, with the total exceeding £3 billion in seven years.

This has given shareholders returns far above market rates. The Centre for the Study of Regulated Industries says that since privatisation the average return on electricity shares has been 38 per cent per year against a market average of 11 per cent.

tor companies. But they are in a unique position because the services are goods they supply are of enormous importance. We are not talking about the Government taking control by the back door but we are talking about taking a long, cool look at whether there are changes and improvements we can make."

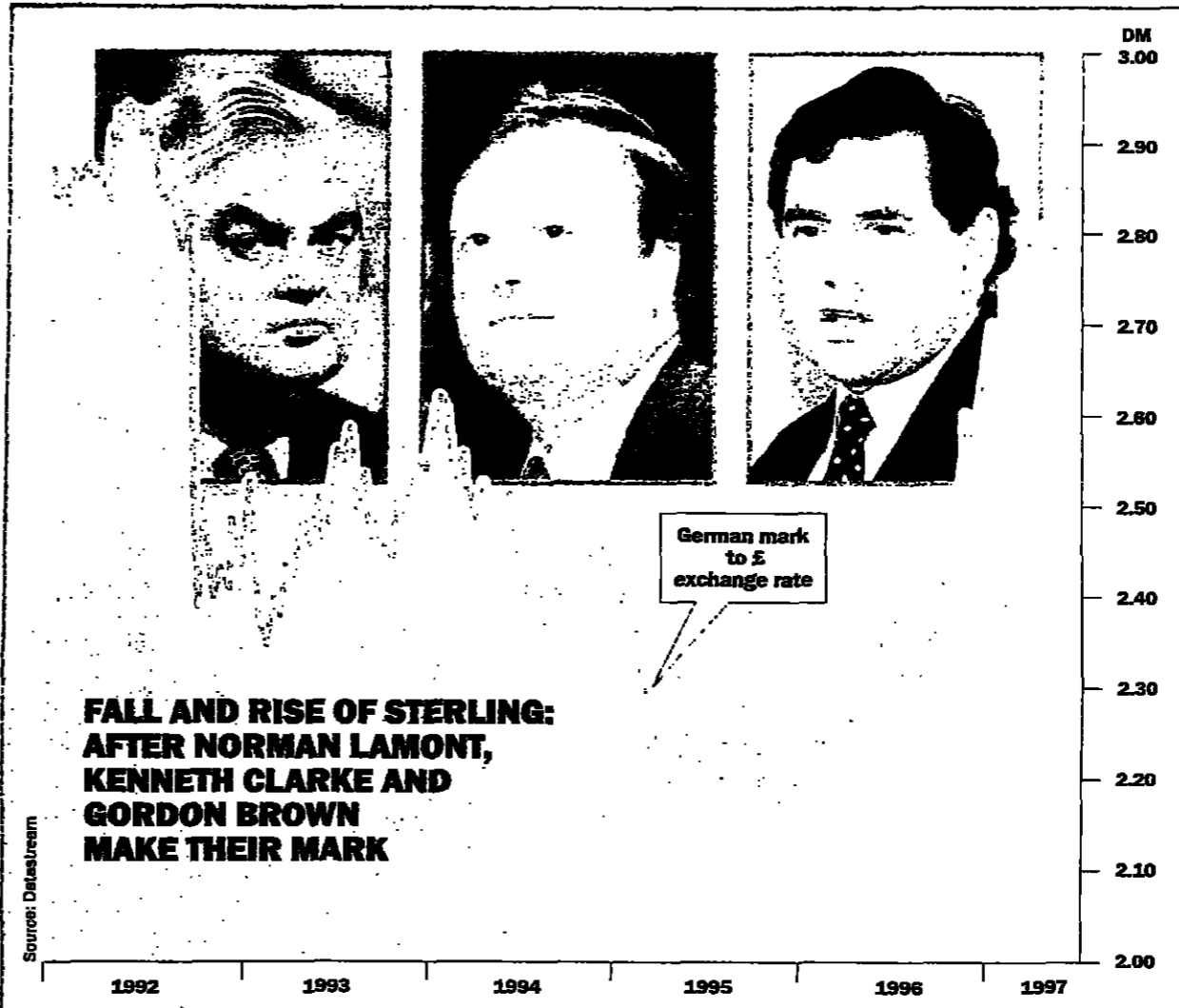
Mrs Beckett said the windfall tax to be announced in tomorrow's Budget should be seen as retrospective while her review would shape the way utilities operate in future.

The Government will implement changes to utility governance that will give greater emphasis to consumer interests. Regulatory bodies could be fused, especially the offices of the electricity and gas watchdogs, but Mrs Beckett doubts the wisdom of creating a super-regulator in charge of all utilities. The DTI-led review will work with other departments and take several months, leading to publication of a Green Paper on regulation.

Regulators all broadly welcomed the review. Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, said there was a need to clarify the relationship between the Government and the regulators over responsibilities and accountability.

John Redwood, Shadow President of the Board of Trade, said utilities had been threatened with "more regulatory hassle" and that they would face greater burdens.

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Consumer credit lifts sterling

By ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE pound stormed to a post-ERM high yesterday after the latest monetary data pointed to a continuing surge in consumer spending.

The pound closed up more than a penny against the mark at DM2.8990, having at one stage during the day cleared the psychologically important barrier of DM2.90 to reach DM2.9070. Sterling's trade-weighted index hit a six-year high, rising 0.3 to 102.1.

The pound was boosted by figures showing consumer credit growing £1.1 billion in

May, the second-largest increase on record. Total personal lending increased £3.1 billion with mortgage lending, which rose by £2 billion, growing at its strongest rate since last autumn.

The latest narrow money supply data, which was also released yesterday, pointed to the consumer spending spree continuing into June. M0 rose 0.6 percentage points, taking the annual rate to 6.3 per cent.

The less volatile notes and coins data showed an annual rise of 6.2 per cent.

Economists said the new data would add to fears that consumer demand growth is accelerating as a result of the building society windfall payouts. Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, added that there was no evidence that consumers were using windfalls to pay off debt, with repayments actually falling in May.

Currency analysts said that the market is betting that any tax rises in the Budget will be insufficient to stop the Bank of England making further inter-

est rate rises and the pound looks destined to hit DM3 in the near future.

Sterling also continues to profit from the renewed bout of uncertainty over European monetary union. Traders were switching to the "safe haven" currencies of the pound and the dollar yesterday after Chancellor Kohl and his CSU coalition partners publicly fell out over the terms of entry for a single currency and the latest French unemployment statistics showed the biggest jump for four years.

NatWest request rebuffed

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Takeover Panel has rejected calls from NatWest Group to force Barclays to make a statement on whether it intends to launch a bid for NatWest.

After more than a week of intense market speculation that Barclays was about to bid for NatWest, Alistair Defries, director-general of the Takeover Panel, said yesterday: "No party has incurred an obligation to make a statement under the code."

NatWest has been concerned that continuing speculation over the bank's future, after it emerged that tentative merger talks with Abbey National had broken down, is affecting staff, customers and shareholders.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest, has invited fund managers to meet him over the next six weeks. Among those expected to attend are Legal & General, Mercury Asset Management, the Prudential and M&G.

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ProServ merges with Marquee

By JASON NISSE

PROSERV, the sports marketing agency that manages Greg Rusedski, the British tennis player, has been taken over in a deal that values the holding of the founder, Donald Dell, at \$15 million.

In the deal ProServ is merging with Marquee Group, a Nasdaq-listed group which owns two other firms in the field - Sports Marketing & Television International and Athletes & Artists. The com-

bined company will be the world's second-largest sports marketing organisation. It will rival IMG, the famous organisation run by Mark McCormack.

The ProServ-Marquee deal is part of the consolidation in the sports marketing business which earlier this year saw Interpublic, the huge US advertising group, buy control of APA, the sports marketer that was built up by Alan

Pascoe, the former British athlete.

ProServ was founded by Mr Dell, a Yale law graduate, in 1970 when he retired as captain of the US Davis Cup tennis team. His first two clients were his team-mates Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith, who both went on to win Wimbledon.

Since then the group has specialised in tennis and basketball. It discovered Michael

Jordan and negotiated his multimillion-dollar deal with Nike, although Mr Dell's former partner, David Falk, now represents the basketball star.

Among its current clients are Gabriella Sabatini, who recently signed a German perfume deal after retiring from professional tennis, the French Open tennis championships and the Breeders Cup, one of the world's most lucrative horse races.

ANDERSEN WORLDWIDE, the world's largest accounting and consulting organisation, has a temporary solution to its management problems.

Members of the 27-strong management board, meeting in New York, agreed to elect the chairman of the board, W. Robert Grafton, as acting chief executive of Andersen Worldwide. Mr Grafton, 56, is regional managing partner of Arthur Andersen's South East

US region. He succeeds Larry Weinbach, who steps down at the end of August.

The move is intended to provide partners with a breathing space in which to consider their next move. A high-level committee will be set up to address "key organisational issues" with a view to producing specific proposals by spring 1998. The election of chief executive will be deferred until then. Andersen

said the action "decouples the CEO electoral process from the separate and distinct process of achieving constructive organisational change." Partners meeting in Paris in April voted in favour of keeping Arthur Andersen under the same umbrella as Andersen Consulting, which broke away from the mainstream firm in 1989.

The new committee will examine the relationship be-

tween the two groupings, and look at ways of sharing costs between them. This forms part of a strategic plan, Andersen 21, agreed in Paris, and intended to be driven forward under the new chief executive.

Andersen Worldwide employs more than 100,000 people in 79 countries. Andersen Consulting generated \$4.9 billion in revenues in the year to August 31, 1996. Arthur Andersen made \$4.6 billion.

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New generals fight old battles



COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Gordon Brown's utility tax ought to draw a line under Labour's long and politically profitable battle against privatisation with the payment of war reparations. Sadly, the war seems destined to continue in a lower key.

No one can really blame Margaret Beckett for meeting Labour's pre-election promise to review regulation. Something must have been learnt in the 13 years since Ofel told BT to make phone boxes work.

A single regulator pitted against a single company breeds high-profile personal conflict, the results of which breed dissatisfaction among consumers. Gas and electricity should be brought together and Ofel merged into a wider communications regulator. Panels representing consumers, employees and investors could deal with appeals. Appeals should either become genuine or be abolished in favour of greater accountability of regulators to the courts and to Parliament.

Realists know, however, that the review cannot satisfy the expectations Labour's pre-election promise was meant to placate. Where holding companies sit above regulated utilities, any selective attempt to control boardroom pay is doomed. John Prescott will not let Mrs Beckett review his trans-

port regulators, so her hope of bringing consistency between industries looks vain.

To hide such truths, the review is likely to keep utilities in the dock. Reforms will prolong uncertainty, will almost certainly burden utility managers with even more detailed controls and will surely accelerate the descent into US-style rate of return controls that Mrs Beckett, like Tory ministers, deplors.

The review will serve little purpose if it concentrates on the politically stirred conflict between consumers and shareholders. Companies fared well in the years from privatisation to the first price review. Thereafter, regulators proved perfectly able to tilt the balance decisively towards consumers, although Cornish folk would probably have been better off if their water had remained in state hands.

Regulation is failing in three areas. In energy, there is conflict between lower prices to help consumers and higher prices to help the environment. Competition in gas and power opens new conflicts between rich consumers who benefit, and poorer

ones, who are left out. A separate review of water pricing will find that charges based on rates or council tax help the poor through cross-subsidy at the expense of economic pricing. Most of all, employees have been squeezed mercilessly between consumers and shareholders. Mrs Beckett is aware of these issues. Her review should focus on them.

Anglo's Ashanti game plan fails

Mzi Khumalo, the chairman of JCI, was close to Nelson Mandela in the movement to get rid of apartheid. But any negotiating skills he — and the backers who paid R54.50 a share to put him in charge of the old Johannesburg Consolidated as part of the black empowerment movement — may

have acquired during the years of struggle against the Pretoria regime will have been sorely tested in dealings with Lonrho. Even post-Tiny Rowland, the old London and Northern Rhodesian company is a slippery corporate customer in a continent full of slippery customers.

The end of negotiations aimed at merging Lonrho and JCI will be no surprise to readers of these pages, as the valuation problem has long been highlighted as a possible deal breaker.

The collapse of JCI's price to yesterday's R35.50 — having stood more than 20 per cent higher when the talks with Lonrho were revealed — only made the merger less likely. But the manner of the break up had Nick Morrell and Sir John Craven in London saying the talks were all off and JCI in Jo'burg saying there still are

negotiations about future co-operation. Essentially JCI — whose strings are being pulled by the giant Anglo-American — is holding out the hope that it can sell its Tavistock coal business to Lonrho in exchange for Lonrho's 33.6 per cent stake in Ashanti, the Ghanaian gold miner. At the same time Anglo will cut its 27 per cent stake in Lonrho to the 10 per cent it is allowed to have after the European Commission became concerned about cartels in the platinum market.

Dream on Anglo. The South African group has been stalking the Ashanti stake for long enough for the Lonrho management to know the game. What historically held Anglo back was all the furniture cluttering Lonrho — such as hotels part owned by Libyans. The Ashanti stake is the jewel in the crown, and if Anglo wants it then

it will need to find someone to bid for Lonrho and sell the stake to Anglo. To achieve this Anglo needs Sir John and Mr Morrell to finish their clean-up job at Lonrho, a bidder acceptable to the EC and deep pockets.

Trouble in store for Gibson

Barry Gibson must be wondering what on earth he has let himself in for. When he was approached about taking the job of chief executive of Littlewoods, the company was due to sell its high street chain and concentrate on its mail order and football pools businesses.

Yesterday, however, within hours of the announcement of his appointment, the dreaded news came from his Littlewoods: talks with Kingfisher were irrevocably off. Gibson, when he starts on September 1, will be stuck with the unlovely stores that he will remember only too well from when he managed one in the seventies. If he is taking long, lingering looks over his shoulder at his former col-

leagues at BAA, then who could blame him?

Efforts by Littlewoods to dress up its failure to sell the chain as a 'New Strategic Plan' are hardly convincing. Sure, there are buyers for some of the stores. But this only means that Littlewoods will be left with a large number of less appealing properties, while the jobs that the Moores family was so keen to protect are in jeopardy.

From whichever direction you approach Littlewoods, it is in a mess. The stores strategy is in disarray, the purchase of Freemans could yet be blocked by the Government and the pools side has never recovered from the arrival of the National Lottery. For Gibson's sake, let's hope he has a good summer holiday and is ready for the challenge of a lifetime come September.

Call to account

AS A former chairman of the Takeover Panel, Lord Alexander of Weedon should have known that the City's oldest self-regulator would not come to the aid of NatWest in its hour of need. Barclays is therefore not being forced to say yes or no to the idea of it bidding for NatWest, which is a shame. It would be nice to hear Martin Taylor explaining how he would persuade his new friends in the Labour Party to let the deal to go through.

Beers sparkle at S&N as leisure division falls flat

By DOMINIC WALSH

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE, still Britain's biggest brewer after the blocking of Bass's acquisition of Carlsberg-Tetley, yesterday announced a 21 per cent rise in annual profits on the back of bigger margins on its main beer brands and booming food sales.

A storming second-half performance from key beers, such as John Smith's and Foster's, and by retail concepts, including HomeSpreads, and Rat & Parrot, helped to offset a 10 per cent fall in operating profits of the company's leisure division.

The main culprit in leisure is still the Center Parcs holiday village chain. Eleven of the 14 sites are on the Continent, at the mercy of the strong pound and weakness in many European economies.

S&N, of which Sir Alistair Grant is chairman, lifted group pre-tax profits before exceptional items in the year to April 27 from £308.2 million to £374.1 million — at the top end of City forecasts — on turnover 12.8 per cent better at £3.35 billion.

Part of the advance was a result of the first full-year contribution from Courage, acquired in August 1995, and its amalgamation with S&N brewing to form Scottish Courage. The division had a 45.8 per cent rise in operating profits to £177 million. For the second half of the year — when

the figures are comparable — turnover rose 5.7 per cent and profits 28.8 per cent.

Brian Stewart, S&N's chief executive, said the figures showed the benefits of sacrificing volume and, in some cases, market share in the pursuit of higher margins. Mr Stewart said he was pleased by Friday's blocking by Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, of the Bass/Carlsberg-Tetley deal, but played down the long-term implications. "I don't think it's going to make a fundamental difference to the beer market, where the emphasis will continue to be on strong brands," he said.

In S&N Retail, expansion of concepts such as Old Orleans and Finnegan's Wake helped to lift divisional profits 9 per cent to £171.6 million. The key element was a 13 per cent rise in food sales per outlet.

The benefit of focusing on food can be seen in the Chef & Brewer brand, bought from GrandMet in 1993. Mr Stewart said that it had been taken "back to basics" and relaunched as a pure pub-restaurant brand. S&N managed houses converted to the brand are, on average, tripling turnover.

A final dividend of 14.17p, due on 1 September, makes 21.38p (19.43p).

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Sir Alistair Grant, left, and Brian Stewart yesterday

Granada to replace head of Forte hotels

By DOMINIC WALSH

PATRICK COPELAND, head of Granada's Forte hotels division, has become the latest victim of the media and leisure combine's pursuit of higher profits. It emerged yesterday that Granada has appointed headhunters to find a replacement for Mr Copeland.

Mr Copeland, who was hired by Sir Rocco Forte from Inter-Continental Hotels, is the last high-profile link to pre-Granada days. In the wake of last year's sensational £3.9 billion takeover, Forte has lost all its original divisional managing directors.

A company insider said: "Patrick was judged to have done a good job running the business, but was not deemed to be the right man to take the business forward, for example by expanding the Meridien business."

Leisure sector analysts said the rationale for the move could be found in Granada's last results. "In hotels, like-for-like turnover in London was up only 8 per cent and in the provinces just 5 per cent," said one. He added that "most companies are seeing double-digit growth".

It is thought Granada may look outside Britain for a replacement. Mr Copeland, meanwhile, was last night being seen as a possible chief executive at Millennium & Copthorne Hotels.

Pearson sues over £100m 'black hole' at Penguin

By ERIC REGULY AND JAMES BONE

PEARSON has filed a civil racketeering lawsuit against a former employee, alleging she conspired to defraud Penguin, its book publishing subsidiary, of at least \$1.4 million to fund a lavish lifestyle.

The lawsuit, filed in New Jersey District Court, accused Christina Galatro, the former manager of credits and collections in Penguin's New Jersey office, of conspiring with an outside collection agent to divert Penguin funds for her personal use. Penguin claimed Ms Galatro, whose annual salary was \$80,000, used the illicit funds to buy jewellery, antiques and Alaskan, Caribbean and European cruises.

Ms Galatro's husband, Stanley, was also named in the lawsuit, as was Jerome Bedell, the owner of Associated Companies, the collection agency used by Penguin. Penguin has obtained a restitution agreement from Mr Bedell, under which Associated will pay Penguin at least US\$1 million.

Ms Galatro and Mr Bedell were accused of diverting cheques that should have gone to Penguin and of deducting more than Associated's agreed fees for work conducted for Penguin.

The alleged fraud was uncovered during an investigation into the unauthorised discounts extended by Ms Galatro to book retailers. The discounts were offered in return for early payments and led to a £100 million charge at Penguin earlier this year.

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Hodgson may launch bid

By JASON NISSE

HOWARD HODGSON, who was ousted as chief executive of Ronson a month ago, is believed to be working on a £13 million deal to take over the company.

The move comes as the lighter and watch manufacturer announced that it lost £2.17 million last year — compared with a profit of £2.76 million in 1995 — after writing off £900,000 because of problems reconciling its sales with its debtors.

After this problem was un-

covered, Mr Hodgson and Christine Pickles, Ronson's finance director and Mr Hodgson's girlfriend, resigned. Though they are technically entitled to compensation of £370,000 for Mr Hodgson and £80,000 for Ms Pickles, a Ronson spokesman said the company would resist any demands for a payoff.

Mr Hodgson is now understood to be attempting to raise money to bid for the company, although he would not confirm this yesterday.

Alan Kilkenny, a director of Ronson, said the company had found problems with its new management systems, which meant that it was finding it difficult filling orders for its products and had to fly in stock from Japan, so destroying its profit margins. Work on sorting out these problems should be completed by the end of the year.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

New York and London shaken by rate fears

A LAST minute bout of pre-Budget nerves produced a volatile performance that had investors heading for the exit.

After losing an opening lead of 22 points, the equity market saw losses deepen as the day wore on. An opening fall of 75 points for the Dow Jones industrial average did little to help matters, as the FTSE-100 index closed near its low for the day with a loss of 35.7 at 4,604.6.

Worries about what the Budget may contain were heightened by the rise in M0, the narrow measure of money supply, and the latest bank lending figures.

Fears are growing about a possible rise in interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic. A strong rise in the Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index yesterday came ahead of today's meeting of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee to discuss US rates.

Further speculative buying of NatWest bank saw the price touch 830p before coming off the boil to close 3p down at 807 1/2p. Appeals for Barclays Bank, 33p off at 511.92, to clarify whether it intended to launch a bid, fell on deaf ears.

Even Lloyds TSB touched 639 1/2p before falling 14p to 616p despite claims that NatWest Securities, the broking arm of the bank, was urging clients to switch out of Halifax up 11 1/2p at 73p.

Abey National was left nursing a fall of 13 1/2p at 820p after linking up with Safeway, 3p dearer at 347 1/2p, to carry out an in-store banking trial at the new Safeway store in Leicester.

BTR continued to be supported by takeover speculation, rising another 6 1/2p to 205 1/2p. The price of the troubled industrial conglomerate has come up from a low of 184.5p in the past couple of weeks amid talk of a break-up bid for the company. Institutional investors are said to have become impatient about the pace of the group's restructuring programme.

Confirmation of the bid approach by F&I sent Briston soaring 29 1/2p to 135 1/2p. At these levels, the wage ropemaker carries a price tag of £101 million. Earlier this year, F&I, 3p down at 170p, made an abortive bid of almost £200 million for Newmont.

The breakdown in merger talks between JCI, the South



Roger Partington, of Safeway, 3p higher, and Andrew Pople, of Abbey National, down 13 1/2p, launch in-store banking

African mining group, and Lomho left the latter 4p easier at 127 1/2p. The talks began in May and had the backing of Anglo American. Lomho's biggest shareholder.

News of a cash call and capital restructuring left shares of Ferrum more than halved with a fall of 4 1/2p at 21 1/2p. The group plans to raise £3.1 million with the placing

and open offer of an extra 233 million new shares. The news came on the back of a return to the black for the group for the first time since 1992.

Seven Trent put on 13p at 777 1/2p after pledging to hand a further £134 million to shareholders as part of a reorganisation of its share capital, including a share consolidation. The rest of the

water companies ended the day mixed as they anxiously awaited details of the proposed windfall tax in tomorrow's Budget. Anglian finished down 25p at 651 1/2p, and South West Water 3p at 705p, while United Utilities put on 9p at 660 1/2p, Yorkshire 7p at 390 1/2p and Wessex 4p at 403 1/2p.

Profit-taking left Scottish & Newcastle, Britain's biggest brewer, 4 1/2p cheaper at 646 1/2p. This was in spite of the full-year profits towards the top end of expectations and an encouraging run-down about current trading.

Worse than expected trading news left newcomer Jardine Interiors 20p down at 117 1/2p. The group joined AIM in October last year at 119p.

Charterhouse Tilney, the Liverpool broker, has been pushing shares of Ocean Group, up 3p at 527 1/2p. It has been telling clients that the quality of earnings has been improved by the recent disposal of OIL, its offshore support vessel subsidiary. The invested proceeds are expected to accelerate earnings.

JJB Sports, the sportswear retailer, marked time at 492 1/2p despite plans by David Whelan, founder and chairman, to sell 3.5 million shares. He wants to use the £17 million proceeds to invest in Wigan Athletic, which last season won promotion to Division Two of the Football League. Whelan owns 55 per cent of JJB, while he and his son-in-law control 89 per cent of Wigan. Trading in the 22 weeks to the end of June had exceeded expectations.

GIIT-EDGED: Prices in the London bond market lost all of Friday's gains as investors began winding down their positions ahead of the Budget.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt ended 17 1/2p down at £113 1/2p as the number of contracts completed was reduced to 54,000.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell 1/2p to £108 1/2p, while Treasury 9 per cent 2030 was three ticks off at £102 1/2p.

NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street drifted down in morning trading ahead of tomorrow's Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meeting. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 40.71 points at 7,647.01.

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Smith WH ... 359p (-13p)

Gen Energy ... 458p (-11p)

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Quest for the right balance at NatWest

Executives appear to believe the bank is vulnerable.
Not all analysts agree, according to Robert Miller

Further embarrassment was heaped upon NatWest and Lord Alexander of Weedon, its chairman, yesterday when the Takeover Panel rejected the bank's request for Barclays to make a formal statement about a possible bid.

This incident, which would have little significance in any other context, represents yet another setback for Lord Alexander and Derek Wanless, chief executive, coming so soon after the breakdown of merger talks with Abbey National. It has damaged their quest to convince investors such as Legal & General, Mercury Asset Management, the Prudential and Standard Life that their vision for the future of NatWest is the right one.

NatWest has invited shareholders to its imposing City headquarters over the course of the next six weeks, not to tell them of any great new initiative, but rather to listen to fund managers' concerns. One of those fund managers said yesterday: "My question is simple. How are they going to improve profitability of the bank? That's it." Another added: "What are they going to do about NatWest Markets?" While a third said he wanted to "wait and see what NatWest are saying before making any long-term decisions".

NatWest is in the spotlight primarily because NatWest Markets (NWM), its global investment banking business, was forced to announce that it had found a £90 million

blackhole in its interest rate options book. Six managers and traders have left the bank and the City's watchdogs have launched a full-scale investigation. Dealing in the highly volatile derivatives markets is a legitimate business area. What is not acceptable is that the losses should have remained undetected for more than two years.

Rory Murphy, general secretary of the NatWest Staff Association, said: "NatWest has slid down the banking scale in the last five years. It is now in the first division of banks, albeit top of it, with the Co-op, rather than in the Premier League. That is not necessarily all its own fault, but NatWest Markets has not helped its cause."

He continued: "All this talk of a takeover by Barclays or another high street bank could be misplaced. Look at the way in which banking services are delivered nowadays down the telephone line or through a computer and maybe NatWest could merge with British Telecom or Cable & Wireless. Or they could talk to Bill Gates and Microsoft, he's got the money and his company develops the software that delivers the banking services." Speculation

about NatWest's future has not been helped by the fact that it approached Abbey National with a possible merger deal in which it appears that it would have been the junior partner. The City and private NatWest shareholders took the NWM incident and the takeover talk, put them together, and came up with the view that even the bank itself believes that it is vulnerable.

Johnny de la Hay, bank analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, believes that such a view is misplaced. NWM is almost certain to be "downsized" in the present internal review. It has an eclectic mix of businesses some of which are at the extreme end of the risk spectrum. Mr de la Hay said: "The rate of return on investment in NatWest Markets are not spectacular and earnings are volatile. But, if you strip out NWM you are left with the bank and that is altogether very different."

Mr de la Hay points out that NatWest Bank, which plans to reduce its branch network to 1,750 by the end of next year from 2,000 in April last year and reduce staff levels by a

further 10,000 within five years, has about 10 per cent market share of the credit card market. Further, it can claim 18 per cent of all current accounts and a healthy 29 per cent of the small to medium-sized business banking market, and Lombard, its credit finance arm, is the largest in the UK.

Telephone and online personal computer banking services are being extended and improved and just yesterday NatWest raised its savings rates on an instant access account. The bank, which also owns Coutts, bankers to the Queen, and Gartmore, one of the UK's top five fund managers, is also making strong headway and winning plaudits in the student market, one of the few areas in retail banking in which it is possible to pick up genuinely new customers.

If Lord Alexander and Mr Wanless ever feel moments of doubt then they could always turn to Andrew Buxton and Martin Taylor, their counterparts at Barclays. Three years ago Barclays was regarded in much the same "basket case" light as NatWest is now.

Britain has too many banks and rationalisation of the branch network is inevitable. That does not mean to say, however, that NatWest will not still be there in five years' time. Whether the saviour is an internal one or a contender from outside remains to be seen, but, whoever it is, they need to get to work very soon.

Heavy-handed management has left BA under a cloud

Effects of staff unrest will be felt for years, says Jon Ashworth

Two weeks ago I arrived at Heathrow Terminal One to scenes of chaos. Long queues trailed through customs, and flights were suffering delays of 1½ hours. We boarded our British Airways flight to Copenhagen and were 30 minutes past our scheduled departure time when the captain made an announcement.

There was, he said, a problem. Our cases were on the tarmac next to the aircraft. The baggage handlers (employed by BA) were refusing to load them. He was trying to persuade them to co-operate. Hopefully, we would soon be on our way. We eventually made it into the air, but the incident left a sour taste. How many such episodes does it take before the business travellers who fuel BA's revenues defect to rival carriers? The threatened summer of disruption will do little to help.

The current dispute has little to do with pay, and everything to do with the BA management, led by Bob Ayling, the chief executive. BA employees at every level are vociferous in their contempt for the BA administration. Lord King of Warrnaby, who presided over difficult reforms, is remembered with grudging affection. Sir Colin Marshall continues to command respect. Not so Mr Ayling.

Few question BA's need to get in shape for the new millennium, but it is the manner in which change is being imposed that has caused such consternation. Witness the expensive new BA colour scheme, unveiled at a time when unions were balloting on industrial action. Ditto the overnight closure of union offices at Heathrow and Gatwick, prompting accusations that BA was behaving like "a 19th century mill owner".

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Such steps could only invite confrontation.

Last year's threatened pilots' strike — called off at the last minute — resulted in improved communications between pilots and management, but this has yet to spread to other sides of the business. Flashpoints include the closure of BA's contract handling unit, which employs about 400 baggage and other workers at Terminal Two and Terminal Three. The unit closed in the face of consistent losses and declining market share.

BA staff working in the ramp and baggage areas at Heathrow face new working arrangements, a two-year pay freeze and the introduction of best operational practices. New recruits will start

on lower rates. The intended sale of BA's catering arm has triggered fresh conflict. Staff remain deeply suspicious about BA's links with Flying Colours, a fledgling charter airline. The fear is that Flying Colours will take over many of BA's less profitable routes, breaking the grip of the unions and removing jobs by stealth.

With all this rumbling on, it is hardly surprising that morale is at a low ebb. I have nothing against Mr Ayling but there comes a point when a business pioneer (as he undoubtedly sees himself) becomes a liability in the eyes of the shareholders. BA will resolve its current impasse one way or another but will find it far more difficult to win back the loyalty of its workforce.

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Junk bonds are back to meet the needs of buyout teams

Martin Waller
says investors
are being
tempted into
high-risk
instruments

Gazumping is back. Chains of estate agents are changing hands for millions. Sir Terence Conran is opening restaurants. Welcome to 1980s retro-chic. There is one other throwback from the fevered end of that decade — the junk bond.

Half a dozen recent buyouts in Europe, several of them in the UK, have used this form of finance, even though the collapse of the US junk bond market in 1991 led to the collapse of several of Wall Street's finest, notably Drexel Burnham Lambert, where Michael Milken, known as "the junk-bond king", worked. There are a couple more in this country supposed to be pending.

Junk bonds are being pushed very hard by the American investment banks that are coming to dominate the City. But some observers say that an over-reliance on a form of debt that offers lenders little security while locking them into the investment for, generally, more than a decade, risks restarting the cycle of over-expansion and collapse.

First, some definitions. Their advocates prefer the term "high-yield bonds". Under whatever name, these are financial instruments now being used in management buyouts, for example, that offer a much higher return than available to normal bank lenders.

The yields on offer are linked to a particular benchmark bond or gilt, but set about four points higher. For example, the government security chosen might be yielding 6 per cent over ten years. The junk bond would therefore offer a yield of



US junk bond market collapsed in 1991

a little more than 10 per cent. They rank, in terms of seniority, behind proper bank debt but above equity. In other words, should the company collapse, banks are paid first, bondholders next and shareholders last. Where they differ from mezzanine finance, the second-stage financing that also ranks between straight debt and equity, is that they are registered, or quoted, on Wall Street, can therefore be traded and come under the authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Junk bonds were used in the February buyout by Castle Transmission Services, an American consortium, of the BBC transmitters for £240 million. The junk bonds provided £100 million of the financing. Called "senior un-

secured loans" in that case, they carried an interest rate of 9.5 per cent and matured in 10 years, which was when the business's transmission contract expired.

The disadvantages to the holders of junk bonds are several. The borrower can often repay the amount raised on them after five years, should a refinancing at more favourable rates become possible. Banks providing the senior debt have fixed repayment schedules over periods of perhaps five to seven years. But bondholders are locked in for 12 years or more.

Tom Attwood, managing director of Intermediate Capital Group, which provides mezzanine financing, says the use of junk bonds in buyouts will always be limited by the small number of deals of the right size. Any buyout worth less than \$100 million is unlikely to require sufficient bonds to create a sufficiently liquid market. "There have been approaching 300 transactions capable of sustaining mezzanine around Europe," he says. "There have been only 15 to 20 capable of sustaining high-yield bonds."

But the corporate restructuring that has been a feature of the past couple of years, with companies such as BTR spinning off quite sizeable non-core businesses, is providing additional opportunities. Meanwhile, low returns on other sorts of investments such as equities have created an appetite among investors for



Michael Milken: junk-bond king



Welcome Break is hatching plans



Stephen Davidson was forced to rethink after a run on Telewest's shares

higher yields elsewhere. "The investment banks are certainly marketing very aggressively, and the number of transactions has increased. There will be considerably more high-yield bonds coming through this year," says Mr Attwood. As two examples, the financing of the £470 million buyout of the Welcome Break motorway chain from Granada, backed by Investcorp, has yet to be announced, but it is expected to involve a junk bond backed by the cashflow from the restaurants.

Likewise the £1 billion purchase of the French and British private hospitals owned by Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the French utilities group, will also require junk financing. The common link between the two is Bankers Trust, the American invest-

ment bank which is handling the fund-raising for both. Not everyone is a fan. Telewest, the cable TV company whose chief executive is Stephen Davidson, was forced to abandon plans to raise \$300 million of junk bond debt when this caused a run on the share price. The company is now thinking about merging with Cable & Wireless Communications.

Gordon Bonnyman, managing director of Charterhouse Development Capital, used a high-yield bond to help finance last October's purchase from Inchcape of its testing services business for £380 million, a deal that also involved Bankers Trust.

He says the danger of junk bonds is where the availability of such easy funds pushes up the price and requires too great a proportion of the buyout to be financed by debt. "It's a relatively user-friendly sort of finance. But it is borrowing, and if you decide that you are going to use more borrowing for a business and add to the interest load, there may be some companies that are appropriate for that, by virtue of their predictability, market position and so on. The temptation is to take that rate and slap it on the next deal coming along."

Mr Attwood does not believe that the return of the high-yield bond has yet pushed up to dangerous levels the proportion of debt being taken on in buyouts. "The level of gearing in the UK in particular hasn't reached the same level that it did in the late 1980s and 1990. The sort of people that we're dealing with are much more experienced, and learned a great deal from last time."

A buyout might require a third of its funding from the suppliers of equity, the venture capitalists, and two thirds from debt. Within this total should be cash from junk bonds, says Mr Bonnyman, yet this is not always recognised. "I don't distinguish junk bonds from bank debt. Debt is debt... and there comes a day of reckoning."

tel in Tunbridge Wells into a second Hotel du Vin. Further investment seems likely as the Alternative Hotel Company is expanded into a chain.

Touchdown

IN THE future, ownership of a football or rugby club will be a must for a successful businessman, rather like a spell at McKinsey used to be. Arriving as a 10 per cent shareholder at London Scottish rugby club is Sandy Anderson, a director of Stagecoach and one of the men who became very rich very suddenly when the latter bought the Porterbrook leasing business. Anderson tried to buy Nottingham Forest, but was pipped to the deal by Nigel Wray, the property entrepreneur, who also happens to own the Saracens rugby club.

THE ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE, the catamaran skippered by Tracy Edwards and sponsored by the insurance company, arrives home tonight after an unsuccessful bid to beat the transatlantic speed record. They ran into problems with icebergs in the North Atlantic. The all-female crew was only in New York long enough to catch one musical. Perhaps The Titanic was not the best choice of show.

Investors' voice

SIR Andrew Large, the retiring head of the Securities and Investments Board, has used his last annual re-

port to lambast the watchdog system and call for the views of private investors to be taken into account at the new super-SIB. Who might best represent their interests at the new body? How about Kenneth Jordan, leader of the Knight Williams action group of retired investors and a regular adversary for the Large regime at the SIB.

Any person fearless enough — or is it foolish enough? — to accuse Helen Liddell, the Treasury Minister, of giving "bland and misleading" answers to Parliament should prove up to the task of defending investors' interests. Is this the sort of nominee Sir Andrew was thinking of?

MARTIN WALLER



Sir Andrew Large lambasted the present regulatory system

Crossed tracks

GRAND METROPOLITAN shareholders are a pretty supine bunch, so they are unlikely to make much fuss about the £600,000-odd handed to Gerald Corbett, the departed finance director who is about this far from becoming the highly paid chief executive of Railtrack.

But the headhunters hired by Railtrack were talking to Corbett soon after it became clear he would be forced out by the merger with Guinness, so he was well advanced in talks about a new job when his two-year rolling contract was paid off

in compensation for losing his old one. So it goes.

There is still the question of his relationship with Sir Bob Horton, his new chairman. The company is about to take over from the unimpeached British Gas as the business most reviled by its regulator, and fair game for attack by any government minister so minded. Sir Bob's combative style might not make him the best person to accept this with the stoicism the situation requires. Corbett's bluff geniality is better suited, if he can control his tendency to make cynical wisecracks at times of crisis. Expect Sir Bob to take more of a back seat, and possibly even step down entirely now the knighthood has come through.

● DON'T ask why, but a collection of historical answers to the "Why did the chicken cross the road?" joke reaches me. (Example: Torquemada: "Give me ten minutes with the chicken and I'll find out.") It purports to include one from a well-known management consultant, and begins: "Deregulation of the chicken's side of the road was threatening its dominant market position. The chicken was faced with significant challenges to create and develop the competencies required for the newly competitive market. Andersen Consulting, in a



partnering relationship with the client, helped the chicken by rethinking its physical distribution strategy and implementation processes...

Grand hotel

NEWS of Ashley Levent, one of the traders at the centre of the Sumitomo copper scandal. Caterer & Hotelkeeper reveals that Levent, coyly described as a "Winchester businessman", has taken a half stake in a fledgling hotel company based in Winchester. Levent, whose leisure interests already include Richmond Rugby Club, was an investor in the company's first property, the fashionable Hotel du Vin.

He is spending £2.5 million converting the Boatwright Calverley Ho-



I'd like to table a bid for John West on behalf of an anonymous bidder.

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trade mark n. 1 small expensive symbol knitted onto polo shirts etc (often foll. by Far East copies) 2 a device, word or words established to represent a company, product etc.

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The gaffe

The job was for an experienced criminal advocate, and the candidate was doing quite well at his interview. Then came the terminal *four p.m.* Asked what his strengths and weaknesses were, he replied: "I prepare well for the hearing, but I tend to fall apart in court."

Not all gaffes are so obvious. Some are difficult to avoid. Another candidate was impressing her interviewers with an account of her marketing skills. She was one of her firm's most notable work-guys, and seemed to have an innate talent for selling herself. When asked why she was leaving, however, she said she was being made redundant due to lack of work. What else could she say? But as she uttered the words she saw her sales pitch damaged beyond recovery.

Questions about your intentions should pose no problems. Your duty to be honest does not require you to trip yourself up. But some candidates seem prone to self-sabotage. A newly-qualified solicitor was reporting back enthusiastically about his interview with a niche entertainment firm, unaware that he'd probably blown it. Asked about his career goals, he'd told them that he would probably move in-house in a couple of years. "Did I say the wrong thing?"

If a "gaffe" is really a spontaneous expression of our deepest hopes and fears, then the interview-gaffe must be the voice of our subconscious determination not to be offered the job. Unfortunately, it's beyond our control.

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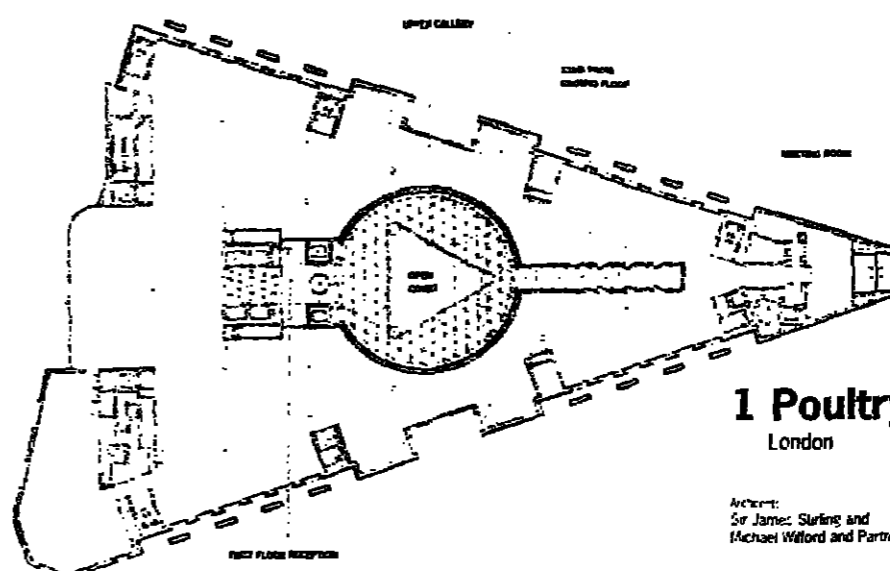
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Britain will no longer fly the Union Flag in Hong Kong; now it is more than ever up to the former colony's Bar to fight for citizens' rights

The former colony's legal system is good, says Daniel Brennan, QC, but vigilance is required

Hong Kong's great hope

The rule of law is vital to the wellbeing of any society. Hong Kong is no exception. And the more so, now that it has become a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China. The territory has produced two unqualified achievements. Hong Kong has become one of the world's great financial centres. That success has been based on a high-quality legal system. International financial confidence has been nurtured by a local determination to preserve the rule of law. What now is the future of its legal system?

The Joint Declaration of 1984 and the Basic Law provide that it should be maintained as it is at present. Under the Basic Law, the SAR will exercise "a high degree of autonomy" and have "independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication". The communist system shall not be practised "and the previous capitalist system and way of life shall remain unchanged for 50 years". The legal framework, with its common law foundation, is to be maintained.

Will these constitutional undertakings offer practical protection to the system of justice? Above all, the judiciary must be independent and free of interference. Appointments are to be made by a judicial appointments commission. This

is an independent body and must remain so. Judicial selection has to be on merit.

So far, the prospects are good. Andrew Li, QC, a distinguished lawyer and highly respected member of Hong Kong's legal community, is the new Chief Justice. The appointment has been met with great relief. He will add stature and international credibility to the new court system. The Court of Final Appeal replaces the Privy Council as the court of final adjudication. Uniquely, the court may invite judges from other common law jurisdictions to sit. It faces fundamental decisions. Either from the criminal law or by way of judicial review, there will surely be a claim that the temporary Legislative Assembly is unconstitutional either as to past acts, or as to its role pending the elections set for 1998. At whatever level, the judges must be free of any political pressure from the legislature or the executive.

The wave of political and legislative activity has placed great demands on the Bar of Hong Kong. Traditionally, they have taken a leading role in debate and advice on legislation, especially that affecting human rights and the legal system. The community has come to expect it of them. Their

commitment to the preservation of democratic rights and legal principles should engender admiration and humility in those of us who may well take our own enjoyment of such rights for granted. Their present role will continue.

Audrey Eu, QC, the leader of the Hong Kong Bar, is a determined advocate of an independent legal system. Margaret Ng on the Legislative Council has been tireless in the almost daily review of proposed legislative changes, strike are all preserved. Trial by jury and all present rights and principles of the criminal law system continue. Freedom of the press is to continue.

But is the press to print what is thought politically appropriate or that which the journalist wishes to print? (Recently, a senior member of the New China News Agency, the Chinese Communist Party's agency in Hong Kong, was appointed an adviser to The South China Morning Post.)

The right to public demonstration may now be controlled on the grounds of "national security". That is defined as "the safeguarding of territorial integrity and the independence of the Republic". So, in future, demonstrations may be forbidden even when there is no threat to public order or safety. Is the issue of "national security" reviewable by the courts and in particular the Court of Final Appeal? If litigated before that court, will Article 158 of the Basic Law allow the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to implement its power of interpretation of the Basic Law because "national security" is not a matter "within the limits of the autonomy of the region"?

A vital factor in future access to justice will be legal aid. The Legal Aid Depart-

ment is efficient and is now reviewing whether it should be an independent body. In any event, the funding of legal aid must be protected.

Preserving the rule of law is of crucial importance to Hong Kong's future. The people of the former colony face that future with a mixture of public confidence and private apprehension of the unknown. They have come to regard the legal system as a fundamental protection. At government level, Britain has the 1984 treaty obligation to ensure that China honours the Basic Law, and, in particular, Article 39 incorporating the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. But at the level of daily life, it is the lawyers in Hong Kong who will be vigilant to guard against the erosion of civil rights and any undermining of the legal system. Britain, in general, and our lawyers in particular, should support them.

Next week: Hopes and fears of law firms in Hong Kong

The people have come to regard the legal system as a fundamental protection

Another hobbyhorse for Mitchell

LAWYERS, watch out. Austin Mitchell, scourge in the 1980s of solicitors' near-monopoly of conveyancing, is back in business, looking at legal aid. Legal aid certificates are just another type of voucher, the Labour MP for Great Grimsby says, and, like the Tories' aborted "nursery voucher" scheme, should be abolished. His remarks will infuriate and terrify solicitors and barristers.

Mr Mitchell has led a campaign for years for a national salaried legal service. Buoyed by reports that the Government wants a more radical than expected overhaul of legal aid, he is urging it to take on the Bar Council and the Law Society to end the system's dependence on private lawyers. He says: "Labour must have the guts to take on the lawyers, to get our spending priorities right. The professions will pull strings to take the heat off them, but new Labour can prove it is not the lawyers' puppet."

Anderson shock

CLIVE ANDERSON, the talk show host and barrister, is turning serious. He is to be the moderator in *Hypotheticals*, the award-winning series

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which returns to BBC2 on July 25, 26 and 27. Mr Anderson will moderate the first in the series, on the ethics of small businesses — asking how far people will tolerate sexual harassment and racism to safeguard profits.

Talk fest

CHINA is sending a five-strong delegation from the Supreme People's Court, led by the Vice-President, Liu Jiachen, to attend the Law and

DIY boost

THE growing do-it-yourself band of litigants taking their cases to court had a boost last week when Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, spoke at the launch of *Taking your Own Legal Action* (Straightforward Publishing, £9.99). The book, by Laurence Kingsley, is a user-friendly guide to help people through the minefield of civil court rules and procedures, whether as plaintiffs or defendants.

Lawyers are so hip

LAWYERS took on a new role last week when they set up a stand at the Glastonbury Festival to raise awareness of legal rights. The idea came from Tony Thorpe of the Citizenship Foundation and Matthew McKaig, the Law Society's southwest regional secretary. A society spokesman says: "We are pleased with the results. Though the event turned into a sea of mud, we had a steady flow of people with queries ranging from how to divorce, housing problems and drugs issues."



At Glastonbury: the foundation's Michael Grimes, left

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Lord Woolf said: "Litigants in person will find this book of immense help in the process of conducting their own action."

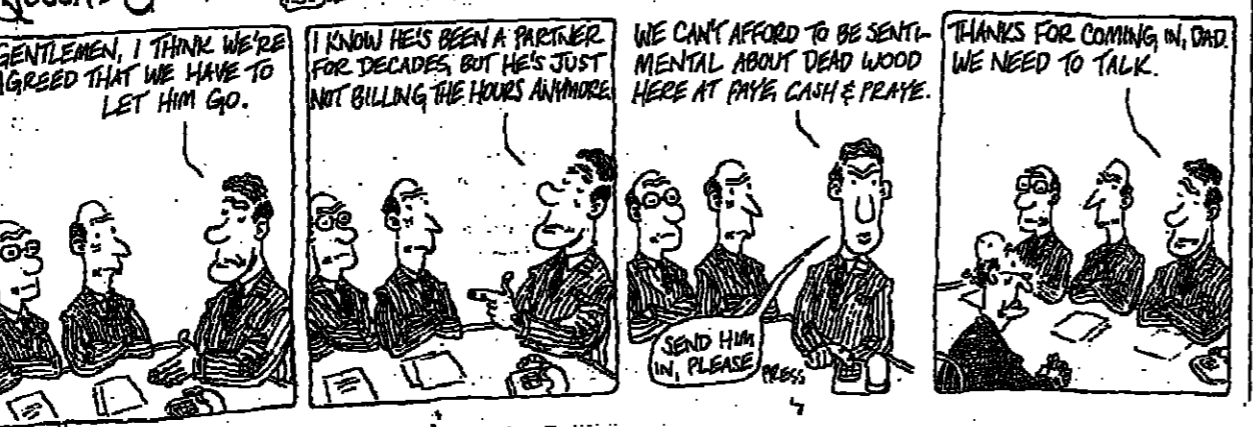
Celebration

GEORGE CARMAN, QC, was not the only lawyer with cause to celebrate the victory of Guardian Newspapers over Jonathan Aitken. The London media law firm Olswang was also opening a few bottles.

Geraldine Proudler, the solicitor who led the legal team acting for *The Guardian*, is one of its partners. Mr Aitken is the fourth consecutive bringer of a libel action against the newspaper to suffer defeat at the hands of Miss Proudler and her team, assistant solicitors Debbie Ashenhorst and Joel Barry, and a trainee, Linda Francis.

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When sexuality should not matter

In Luxembourg next week the European Court of Justice will hear oral argument on whether discrimination by employers against homosexuals and lesbians is a breach of European Union law.

Lisa Grant, a clerical worker employed by South West Trains, was refused a concessionary travel pass for her female partner. There is no dispute that had she been married to, or living with, a man, a travel pass would have been issued. Ms Grant began legal proceedings, claiming to be the victim of sex discrimination. Her employer responded that the discrimination was lawful because it was on the ground of her sexual orientation, not on the ground of her sex. The Industrial tribunal in Southampton considered that important questions of law arose and so referred the dispute to the European Court for a decision.

employee prefers males as sexual partners, he will be treated differently from a female who prefers male partners". The court accepted the employer's argument that it applied the same test whether dealing with men or women in that "it will not hire or promote a person who prefers sexual partners of the same sex".

That judgment illustrates that a court's conclusion on this legal issue depends on how the problem is analysed. The employer's defence to Ms Grant's claim (that the cause of the detriment is not her sex but her sexual orientation) is superficially attractive. However, this defence will probably not appeal to the European Court of Justice.

There are two main reasons for that. First, the court's judgments on pregnancy and transsexuals decline to adopt a narrow interpretation of sex discrimination which focuses on whether men and women are treated in an equally disadvantageous way in defined respects. Instead, the court looks to whether the detriment flows from a sexual characteristic. Since the court found that pregnancy and transsexualism are factors "based, essentially if not exclusively, on the sex of the person concerned", it is probable that it will conclude similarly in relation to sexual orientation.

Secondly, the court's judgment in the 1996 transsexual case of *P v S and Cornwall County Council* stated that there is a fundamental right to equal treatment of men and women. To tolerate discrimination against transsexuals would, in the court's judgment, amount to "a failure to respect the dignity and freedom to which he or she is entitled, and which the court has a duty to safeguard". Similar reasoning can easily be applied to the discrimination against Ms Grant and her partner.



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Sex discrimination by employers in relation to pay, other benefits and working conditions is prohibited by Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome and by Directive 76/207. In recent cases, the European Court has adopted a liberal approach to the concept of sex discrimination. It has decided that employers act unlawfully if they dismiss a woman employee because she is pregnant even if a male employee with an incapacitating condition would have been dismissed. The court has also ruled that the concept of sex discrimination applies where a transsexual employee is dismissed because he or she is undergoing sex-reassignment surgery.

The case for the applicant is simple. If Ms Grant were a man, her current female partner would have received the travel pass. Similarly, if Ms Grant's current partner were male, rather than female, there would be no problem. Therefore, sex is the cause of the detriment of which Ms Grant complains.

The case for the employer is that such an analysis ignores a crucial aspect of the practical reality. The difference in treatment is based not on sex but on sexual orientation. A male employee who is homosexual and a female employee who is lesbian are treated in the same way. Neither receives travel benefits for their same-sex partners. The employer contends that it is entitled to treat a homosexual or lesbian relationship less favourably than a heterosexual one.

The application of sex discrimination law to issues of sexual orientation has been considered by the United States Court of Appeals. In 1979, in *De Santis v Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co*, the Ninth Circuit rejected the argument that discrimination against homosexuals breached Title VII of the Civil Rights Act 1964 because "if a male

which he or she is entitled, and which the court has a duty to safeguard". Similar reasoning can easily be applied to the discrimination against Ms Grant and her partner.

Ms Grant deserves to succeed in Luxembourg, not just because her employers are impeding her fundamental right to a private life free from interference, but also because sex discrimination law is designed to rebut Sigmund Freud's assertion that "anatomy is destiny".

The train operator is penalising Ms Grant for living with a woman rather than with a man. The purpose of the law relating to sex discrimination is precisely to prevent employers from acting on their views of biological or cultural differences between the sexes. If there is one basic principle of sex equality law, it is that Ms Grant is entitled to be treated by her employer as an individual, without regard to her sex.

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Is it the end of the affair?

The love affair between lawyers and litigation is finally cooling. In the latest sign that the traditional adversarial game is on the way out, S.J. Berwin, one of the City's best-known litigation firms, today launches an innovative service for clients. The firm's alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services unit will entice its commercial clients away from court battles and instead offer them mediation as a way of settling their disputes.

The new unit can claim something of a coup. David Shapiro, one of the big mediation names in the US, is to be co-director, along with David Harrel, the firm's senior partner. Mr Shapiro says: "Whether or not the English legal profession likes it, mediation is here to stay."

Britain will come under the same pressure as America, he says, to find solutions other than litigation. Twenty-five years ago, ADR was in its infancy in America. "Faced with thousands of asbestos, breast implant and other product liability cases," he adds, "US judges insisted that the parties attempt in good faith to resolve their disputes by mediation. And corporate clients, overcoming their initial resistance, got the idea."

"They found that disputes were resolved in days, weeks or, at worst, months, but not years — and at a fraction of the cost of preparing for trial and then — usually — settling at the court door."

"As a result," he says, "most American courts now have rules that require cases to go to mediation before they can be listed for trial."

Berwin's new unit includes seven litigation specialists from each part of the firm's corporate practice. Two, including Mr Shapiro, are themselves also trained mediators, although outside mediators

As mediation starts to succeed litigation abroad, Frances Gibb sees a similar trend here



Shapiro, left, and Lord Woolf advocates of greater use of mediation

would be used for any mediation involving the firm's clients. All, including Tim Taylor, the head of litigation, will be mediation advocates and will be with the client at the mediation process to put their case.

Mr Taylor says: "Our clients are finding that litigation is an expensive and bruising experience and are asking whether there is an alternative. We can now provide them with a service that offers a different way."

Mediation has taken off elsewhere. In Canada and Australia it is an automatic first step. Here it is still in its infancy. But some key moves are forcing an end to the slug-it-out litigation culture. Last summer Lord Woolf, in his landmark civil justice report, advocated greater use of mediation. Courts should take into account, he

says, whether parties have unreasonably refused to try ADR.

There was also a practice direction from Mr Justice Waller in the commercial court on June 7, urging judges to encourage parties to try ADR. And Judge Butler is heading a mediation experiment in the Central London County Court. The success rate there has been 60 per cent, although only a small percentage of cases opt for ADR. But in the commercial court, 30 per cent of cases — and the figure is rising — are going to mediation.

Enthusiasm is growing. Mr Shapiro, who retired last year from the US law firm Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin, where he was a founding partner, is an accredited mediator with the Centre for Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and media-

tion lecturer at the London School of Economics. Now based in the UK, he came here a year ago to set up the European branch of JAMS Endispute, America's biggest mediation practice, handling 17,000 disputes a year of all sizes.

He still encounters a fear that mediation means that "litigators will go broke". But many cases, he argues, will never be suitable for mediation and even if they are, mediation will not always succeed. Where mediation does work, it can mean more, not less work. He explains: "The clients fall in love with their lawyers because their time and money has been saved, and they come back again."

There is also ignorance about mediation, the process of negotiating a settlement through a neutral intermediary. He says: "The mediator guides the negotiation process, advising, listening, helping them to reach a 'win-win' solution, or one that all parties can live with." In litigation, he says, lawyers kick off "Chicago-style" demanding £10 million and the other side counters with an offer of £100,000. They inch themselves forward in an "oriental rug auction", not wanting to show weakness.

But if some lawyers are chary, judges are keen. Mr Shapiro has been involved in teaching judges at both a special CEDR seminar for High Court judges and for other judiciary held by the Judicial Studies Board. It is crucial, he says, for the judges to take a lead in pushing ADR because if it comes from them, there is no stigma, or fear of seeming weak, attaching to the parties.

Other law firms are looking at Berwin's intentions. "We hope," Mr Taylor says, "that they will follow suit, so that a culture of mediation is created, and high-quality, successful mediations become the norm."

Legal aid must give good value

Geoff Hoon outlines the Government's thinking on how to cut a £1.5 billion bill

Harold Wilson once remarked that "one man's wage increase is another man's price increase". He was not thinking about legal aid, but the words are apt. The legal aid paid to lawyers has meant that the price charged to taxpayers has more than doubled over the past six years to £1.5 billion. And the price per case is still rising ahead of inflation.

The undeniable fact is that the system for paying lawyers is not under the kind of control we take for granted in other vital areas. One aspect of this runaway expenditure that causes outrage is the high cost of some cases. The top 1 per cent of civil cases use up 14 per cent of civil legal aid and in crime, the top 1 per cent of jury trials cost about 40 per cent of the total spent. The outcry that provokes grows when the people involved seem to be wealthy.

Steps to tackle the problem will continue to be taken. Among the most successful has been the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Set up in 1996 to investigate the finances of apparently wealthy people in civil cases, its achievements are clear. Of the 211 investigations carried out by the end of

March this year, 203 resulted in no legal aid being granted. We must expand the unit's brief quickly to protect the taxpayers' pocket in criminal cases. That is why the Legal Aid Board has now agreed to pull out all the stops to extend the unit's investigation to criminal cases by next summer.

The board has also been quick to learn lessons from notorious cases, such as Dr Hashim's unsuccessful attempt to defend fraud allegations, which could cost the taxpayer £4 million. Not only would the unit now investigate such a case, but the board now sets limits on how long emergency legal aid can last before eligibility is established. It also sets limits on how much work can be done and on expenses incurred by a solicitor without informing the board. Uncomfortable experiences, such as the Hashim case, have also led the board to seek independent legal advice more often on the merits of cases rather than relying on the opinion of the party's own lawyer.

At the centre of the Government's

concerns are not just cases like that of Dr Hashim but also multiparty actions. The Benzodiazepine litigation, for example, cost almost £40 million and achieved little for those involved. Because the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, is determined to cut out such waste, he insists thinking already in train about ways of controlling high-cost cases should continue while the more general review of legal aid is being undertaken by Sir Peter Middleton. The first fruit of that was the publication last week of the board's consultation paper, *When the Price is High*.

To discourage lawyers from running weak cases, the board suggests they shoulder part of the risk of losing by being paid less when that happens. To keep costs down, the board also proposes that lawyers should bid for cases, and that price should be a factor in deciding which lawyer takes it on, an innovation in the law which is commonplace elsewhere in life. And to gain a firmer grip still, the winner of the bid would enter a detailed contract with the board, which would include price ceilings, and which could be monitored as the case progressed.

The board's paper raises important issues on which it would be premature for the Government to take a view until both consultations on it and, more importantly, Sir Peter Middleton's wider review of legal aid have been completed. That said, the paper is a valuable contribution to the debate. If anyone wants their views on high-cost civil cases to be taken into account, once Sir Peter has reported in autumn, they would be well advised to respond to the paper promptly. Those responses will also inform consultations on high-cost criminal cases later this year.

No one should doubt the Government's determination to see legal aid providing good value for taxpayers and good quality services for those citizens who need help. But to achieve that, we must get a firm grip on prices charged by lawyers. If we believe that justice is beyond value, it is vital that we make it affordable.

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IN LAS VEGAS

EVEN with the memory of Mike Tyson's disgraceful actions in the ring fresh in one's mind, there is much talk in boxing circles about his next fight, which would be expected to exceed \$100 million in purses, \$35 million more than he and Evander Holyfield shared on Saturday here at the MGM Grand Garden.

"Everybody loves a bad guy," one American journalist said. "They want to see what Tyson will do next. That's why the next fight will be even more successful."

If this depressing view is correct, and there is every reason to think that it could be, as big money can get around any problem, it would be a sad commentary on the administrators and promoters of the sport.

While the sight of Tyson tearing off a piece of Holyfield's ear might seem amusing to hardened boxing fans who revel in the sport's seediness, it violated the sensibilities of ordinary lovers of sport. As Jim Thomas, Holyfield's attorney and adviser, said: "I felt embarrassed to have been involved in something so unseemly."

Dr Carole Lieberman, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles, and psychiatrist to numerous sportsmen and women, said in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* yesterday: "I think he [Tyson] acts on his impulse in much the way a six-year-old would. In this case he wasn't getting his way so he had a temper tantrum and acted upon his basic instincts." Is this the kind of role model that boxing wants young people to admire? Don Turner, Holyfield's trainer, believes that some damage has already been done. "All Tyson's behaviour in the ring will do is encourage kids to buy rap records about biting off ears," he said.

Clearly, Don King, Tyson's promoter, who for once did



Tyson and King, in happier times, celebrating a victory for the former champion

not want any publicity and was not available for comment, will be fighting Tyson's corner at the inquiry into the events of Saturday by the Nevada State Athletic Commission. From his post-fight comments, King did not think that Tyson had done anything particularly reprehensible.

Even if he wanted to, he would find it impossible to bring Tyson under control, especially when the view of John Horne, Tyson's co-manager, is considered. "All I know is Mike's got a cut over his eye three inches long and Evander's got a little nip on his ear that don't mean nothing," Horne said. "He [Holyfield] jumped around like a little bitch, that's what he did."

The MGM and other casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City will no doubt be examining the profitability of Tyson fights. Will they make more

money from his contests, regardless of the damage they risk being caused to their hotels, or from families who come to relive the Wizard of Oz and other fantasy experiences at their hotels?

After the Tyson-Holyfield fight, the scene outside the MGM was reminiscent of an action movie. Suddenly, the street was full of shrieking police sirens, people being taken to hospital on stretchers and policemen dodging about behind parked cars with guns at the ready. The MGM must have lost millions as its gaming sections and other facilities had to shut down for the night when boxing fans panicked and stampeded through the hotel on Saturday.

Despite this, Dennis Dahl, of MGM's Sportsbook (the hotel bookmaker), said Holyfield-Tyson III would be a huge success. "People love controversy and how much

more controversial an ending can you get than this?" Dahl said. "I wish it weren't that way, but controversy sells tickets. If they fought again, a lot of people would come to town and there would be long lines at the betting window. If that ever happened, we'd be talking about a huge handle, believe me."

All this brought to mind the words of Steven Spielberg, who said about making films: "Once it used to be 'what if', and now it is 'what the heck'." Dr Ferdie Pacheco, the fight analyst for Showtime, the television company behind Tyson, is right in saying: "Where there's big money, there's big forgiveness and big amnesia, then we can guess that the MGM's decision might well be, what the heck."

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Petchey: at crossroads

TWO worlds inhabited by Mark Petchey collided yesterday. The pristine lawns of Wimbledon's No 1 Court were an acceptable substitute for the crushed anthesis of Chandi-garh and the pulverised seashells of the Philippines. Unfortunately, Boris Becker is an entirely different animal from Dennis van Scheepingen or Kalle Flygt.

Petchey subsided to a deliciously old-fashioned British defeat, winning just eight games as he delayed lunch for the corporate hospitality hordes for 97 minutes. It was a civilised submission, all smiles and shrugs, as a supine crowd made one wish: that every day was Middle Sunday.

Becker, in his fourteenth Wimbledon, is playing to embellish a legend. He pays others to fret about his finances, Petchey, at the end of his ninth year on the professional tour, was playing for mortgage money. A third-round losers' cheque, for £16,810, will ease the culture shock of his passage back to the satellite circuit.

"I hate to think what sort of places

I've been to," he said. "Some places I will never go back to, that's for sure. I don't really want to remember them. I've kind of pushed it to the back of my mind. You can't imagine the difference between Wimbledon and the Indian satellite. It's just like going to the moon."

A four-week tour of India, for tournaments in Jaipur, Chandigarh, Delhi and Calcutta, offers anonymity, suspect food and indescribable hotel rooms. Matches are played, without spectators and line judges, on recycled soil that is ground down to resemble clay.

The weekly prize fund for such events is £25,000, and a handful of computer points that are the hard currency of professional tennis. Meanwhile, the All England Club will distribute the little matter of £6,884,952 to the players this year.

A sense of scale, not to mention a sense of the surreal, is essential to such men as Petchey and Flygt, who beat him in the first round of the Malaysian tournament in Malacca in April. Petchey, approaching his 27th birthday, is quickly reaching



the crossroads of his career. He has lost his Davis Cup place and his world ranking, as high as 80 in August 1994, has slipped to 207. His first wedding anniversary, on Saturday, will increase the temptation to think beyond his career appearance in the British tennis explosion.

"Nine years is a long time to go to places where you turn up, check into some basic hotel and just go and play on something that's not even a park court," Petchey said. "After a while, if your ranking is on the slide, there is no motivation to do that. There is a point in my life when I'm sure I'll just sit down and say: 'No,

Michael Calvin finds Mark Petchey hungry for another taste of the high life after his defeat by Boris Becker

this is enough. I'll just do something else."

"Right now, I've got an overwhelming desire to get my ranking back, but I don't think, if I'm at 200 in 12 months' time, I'll particularly want to keep going. There's no doubt tennis is getting tougher and tougher. There are fewer tournaments for someone whose ranking is where mine is. You have to have a belief in yourself, that you can overcome all the young guys coming through."

The honourable 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 defeat by Becker yesterday confirmed that the differences in class are minute, and certainly unrecognisable to the type of audience for whom Wimble-

don is merely another stop on the summer social circuit. If Sunday's drug of choice was Ecstasy, Monday's was Mogadon.

After the terrace chants in Henman's name, it was back to trite entreaties like "Come on Mark", which were answered, in an irritating instant, by stunningly original pleas to "Come on Boris". Petchey, probably surprised that they remembered his Christian name, somehow gave the impression that he was enjoying it hugely. He even applauded Becker when he won a set point against him.

Such enthusiasm was endearing and understandable. It was the first time that Petchey had reached the third round in a grand-slam event. Becker, winner of six grand-slam titles, is an ideal role model for a journeyman.

As Petchey said: "You don't win this tournament three times without being a bit special, and Boris is special. I think there's a positive feeling about British tennis. With Greg and Tim, and the rest of British sport, doing so well, you can

see everyone is enjoying life. Everyone is upbeat and we've got to keep that going. Sport is a key part of the nation's spirit."

"The thing about tennis is that it is a great learning curve for your life. I started off going to places like North Africa, worked my way up and got into main tour events. You get a great high from being there. You're pampered silly. But I've dropped away. I'm back to almost where I started."

"It makes you realise that, on the way up, you'd better be nice to everyone because, on the way down, it's just as bad. You're back playing the same places, and there are people there who, if you weren't too nice to them before, are not going to help you out."

Becker would have approved. The lines of his life are not restricted to the lines drawn on a tennis court. In the coming weeks, Petchey will continue to try to salvage his career at Challenger tournaments in Bristol and Manchester. You do not have to be a one-eyed patriot to wish him well.

Sampras revels in secret of his supremacy

My old friend Frances Edmonds, writing a piece about England cricketers in which she described Paul Allott as "a Botham clone, but slimmer and brighter. Who isn't?", summed up another player as "rather good at cricket". I can't remember which player she meant, which rather proves her point.

Now comes the moment to sum up Pete Sampras. The phrase "rather good at tennis" comes to mind, but it is inaccurate. Seriously superb at tennis is much better. But what of the inner Sampras, the Pete within? All is mystery.

He was seriously superb yesterday when he took on Byron Black. Byron found a Hellenistic-wide gap in class and he never looked like swimming across. Sampras won 6-1, 6-2 in 11 minutes over the hour.

I was somewhat incongruously quoted in another newspaper this week as "a respected tennis commentator", and as such, I feel it incumbent on me to reveal the secret of Sampras's skills. Here we go: Sampras has a very good forehand; he also has a very good backhand. Add this to a very good service and you have something really rather good.

Tennis is one of the world's most theatrical games and many of its great players have used their sense of theatre as a potent weapon. Connors and McEnroe are but the most obvious examples. Both were capable of using their reputations, their ability to communicate with crowds, almost as extra shots in the armoury.

SIMON BARNES



At Wimbledon

Tim Henman is not an extreme performer in that line, certainly no audience-milker. But you can read him: the first-clenching, the mindless shark grin he makes by biting on his back teeth as an opportunity opens up. The epic of Middle Sunday unfolded on the two-way communication between Henman and the crowd.

Tennis is a drama and an important part of its means of communication is body language. But Sampras does not have body language like everybody else. He is that rare thing: a top-level athlete whose body is almost mute.

There is just one instance in which he gives himself away, and he did it on match point yesterday. That is in his trademark "slam-dunk" shot, an overhead played with a slightly unnecessary leap and with about ten times more power than is actually required. It is his one self-indulgence, his one bit of flamboyance.



Sampras, poised for victory over Black yesterday, continues to make remorseless progress towards another title

It is the one clue to the fact that he is secretly enjoying himself out there that he loves his power, his physical well-being, his ability to hit tennis balls so hard that they never come back. It also tells us that he really likes beating the hell out of an opponent, that he loves combat and, above all, victory. Then it is back behind the mask, back to that curious, miserable-looking head carriage, the hang of the head that looks as if he is in danger of wearing holes in his shirt with his chin.

He will never be the hottest item in tennis, not in the first week of Wimbledon, when leading players usually win.

Those players whose stock-in-trade is their theatricality steal the scenes and the headlines; those who trade only in ability must bide their time until the competition gets hotter. Only then can they show us what they are made of.

Sampras has said before that he really likes it when Andre Agassi is playing. Agassi can draw the media's fire; Sampras can soak in behind him. "I prefer being not really looked at," he said yesterday, a strange remark for a man whose trade is public performance. "I just like to play my tennis. I don't ever want to be the centre of attention. I hope that doesn't change. Right

now, Henman and Rusedski are playing really well and taking up a lot of attention — and that's perfect."

He is as diffident a man as ever played the hide off anyone on a tennis court. After winning his first grand-slam title at 19, he went into a decline, hated the attention and the expectations, spoke about the "burden" of being a champion. I, unerring judge that I am, couldn't see him ever pulling himself together again. He has, gathering another eight grand-slam titles, three of them here.

There is much, much more to Sampras than meets the eye. He is a man of secrets. AS

others have used their theatricality as weapons, so Sampras exploits his anonymity. He shows no weakness, no triumph. He is the tennis equivalent of the Man With No Name. You cannot read him, in his brooding mystery, he is disquieting; even slightly sinister.

He can impose an icy mental grip on his opponent, and certainly he did so to poor old Black. When it came to the tennis yesterday, Sampras was not magnificent. He was better than that — he was immaculate. Anyone who bet the mortgage on him winning the championship will be sleeping soundly tonight.

RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

Men's singles

Winner: £415,000

Runner-up: £207,500

Holder: R Krajcek (Hol)

First round

P SAMPRAS (US) bt B Black (Zim) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2

P KORDA (Cz) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1

M RIOS (Chil) bt J van Lottum (Hol) 7-6, 6-3, 6-4

B BECKER (Ger) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-2, 6-3, 6-2

Y KAFELNIKOV (Rus) bt J Stoltenberg (Aust) 6-3, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3

N Kiefer (Ger) bt A MEDVEDEV (Ukr) 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4

P RAFTTER (Aus) bt C van Ganse (Bel) 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3

T Woodbridge (Aus) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2

Men's doubles

Winners: £170,000

Runners-up: £85,010

Holder: T Woodbridge and M Woodhouse (Aus)

Second round

N BROAD (GB) and P NORVAL (SA) bt C Brand and F Messner (It) 7-6, 6-1

W Black (Zim) and J Grabb (US) bt E Sanchez (Sp) and F Santoro (Fr) 7-5, 6-4

B Behrens (US) and C Haggard (SA) bt P Albano (Arg) and S Dowdell (Cz) 7-6, 6-7, 6-4

S Green (Hol) and S Huxon (Crg) bt D Randall and J Wille (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2

J Knapcschall (Ger) and J Tarango (US) bt G CONNELL (Can) and S Davis (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3

R LEACH and J STARK (US) bt K Kneiss (US) and A Kizilov (Bel) 6-3, 7-6

M DAMM and P VIZNER (Cz) bt E Couto and B Mesa (Por) 6-4, 7-6

J BJORKMAN and N Kuti (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) and J Gametich (US) 6-2, 6-1

First round

B Haggard (SA) and G van Emborgh (US) bt O Delafre and G Raoux (Fr) 7-6, 6-2

J Novak and R Ral (Cz) bt M Kral and J Salzenstein (US) 7-5, 6-3

S STOLTE (Aust) and C SUK (Cz) bt D Dalsia (US) and R Smith (Bah) 6-0, 3-6, 6-4

D JOHNSON and F MONTANA (US) bt P Casi (Aust) and R Rensberg (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

J ELTINGH (Ned) and P HAARHUIS (Hol) bt P Kildory and M Tebbutt (Aus) 7-6, 7-6

A Olovskiy (Rus) and B Steven (NZ) bt J Delgado and A Foster (GB) 4-6, 7-6, 6-1

T WOODBRIDGE and M WOODHOUSE (Aus) bt N Perera (Van) and C van Rensburg (SA) 6-1, 6-4

M PHILIPPOUSSIS and P RAFTTER (Aus) bt L Jensen and M Jensen (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4

B Meschke (US) and G Muller (SA) bt M Petchey and A L Richardson (GB) 7-6, 6-3

Sunday's late results

S Noleboom and F Wipier (Hol) bt S LAPEAU (Can) and A O'BRIEN (US) 7-6, 6-3, 6-4

Black and Gametich bt K Jones and S Couto and Mesa bt C Cowan and N Neal (GB) 6-4, 7-6

Kneiss and Kizilov bt P Baur and M Goller (Ger) 7-6, 6-7, 14-12

Women's singles

Winner: £135,000

Runner-up: £67,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Third round

M Vento (Van) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-2, 7-6

D Chladkova (Cz) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-7, 6-3, 6-6

P Hy-Boulos (Can) bt M Gryzbowska (Pol) 6-4, 6-1

Y BAZUKI (Indo) bt N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-2, 6-2

M J PERNANDEZ (US) bt T Tanasugarn (Tha) 6-2, 6-4

J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt G Leon-Garcia (Sp) 6-4, 6-2

A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-1, 6-2

M PERCEC (Fr) bt M Serra (Sp) 6-4, 6-3

N Tazuke (Fr) bt J Wiesner (Aust) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

S Testut (Fr) bt M SELES (US) 6-6, 6-4, 6-6

Women's doubles

Winners: £72,200

Runners-up: £36,100

Holder: C Suk and H Sukova (Cze)

First round

L Paes (Indo) and R Dragomir (Rom) bt C Williamson and S Smith (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1

N Broad (GB) and M de Swardt (SA) bt D Randall (US) and D Jones (Aus) 7-5, 6-4

T Middleton and L McNeil (US) bt S Nostboom (Hol) and S Jeyaseelan (Can) 7-6, 7-5

M KNOWLES (Bah) and A KOURNIKOVA (Rus) bt S Melville (US) and N Pratt (Aus) 6-4, 7-5

D Orsanic and F Labat (Arg) bt J Wille (US) and M Matic (Crg) 6-4, 7-6

M Barnard (SA) and K Bouquet (Hol) bt G van Emborgh (US) and E Melichour (Cz) 6-2, 7-6

A OLOVSKY (Rus) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt D Elzart (Swe) and L Fleming (Aus) 7-6, 6-1

R LEACH (US) and M BOLLEGRAPF (Hol) bt R Smith (Bah) and A Frazier (US) 6-1, 2-6, 6-4

K Kinner (US) and N Miyagi (Japan) bt P Norval and L Horn (SA) 7-6, 6-3

D ADAMS (SA) and A FUSAI (Fr) bt K Jijer (SA) and R Nostboom (SA) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2

P Nyberg and A Carlsson (Swe) bt R Bergh (Swe) and P Hy-Boulos (Can) 7-5, 5-7, 6-4

C SUK and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt T Konemann and K Ralack-Surkell (US) 6-1, 7-5

Jensens offer colourful interlude

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

A WEEK after starting his first match at Wimbledon, Mark Philippoussis finally played his second here yesterday and enjoyed better luck, reaching the second round of the men's doubles with his countryman, Pat Rafter. However, while his many supporters will be glad of the opportunity to see more of him, the competition will be the poorer for the exit of the Australians' opponents, the Jensen brothers.

The Michigan-born Jens-

sens are a colourful partnership more than just the entertaining sideshow they sometimes appear: their career earnings top the \$1 million mark and there is a French Open championship to their name. Won in 1993. Yesterday, with Luke favouring a star-spangled bandana as headgear, while brother Murphy sported a white, back-to-front baseball cap, they were never still, jogging on to court, off court and out of their two-man, between-points huddles.

They are all heart — Luke

presented a towel to a spectator hit by a wild deflection — polite — always thanking the ball-boys and girls — and can play, too.

Murphy produced one delicate cross-court, drop-volley that wrong-footed both opponents, while Luke stood up to a fierce Philippoussis volley at the net to win a point when others might have dived for cover. Yet, after taking the first set with a break at Philippoussis's expense, the Jensens found the Australians too hard to handle, losing 6-4, 3-6, 4-6.

Neil Broad, who won a silver medal with Tim Henman for Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, reached the third round of the doubles with Piet Norval, of South Africa. Shirli-An Suddall and Amanda Wainwright reached the second round of the women's doubles, while Clare Wood and her partner, Catherine Barclay, of Australia, must play Gigi Fernandez and Nabatava Zvereva, the No 1 seeds, after a 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 victory over the No 16 seeds, Kristie Boogert and Irina Spirita.



Rafter, left, discusses tactics with his compatriot, Philippoussis, during yesterday's doubles victory

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Testud puts paid to grand designs as Krajicek prepares case for Wimbledon defence

Seles lets her ambitions go out to grass

By JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE fragile mind of Monica Seles could no longer sustain a Wimbledon challenge which faltered from the moment that she opened her campaign on a damp Tuesday evening last week. An emphatic victory on that occasion could not disguise her frail state, which collapsed yesterday when the No 2 seed lost a contest she once held with a vice-like grip.

How Sandrine Testud must have wished that she was back in Lyons, strolling the streets of that intimate French city. Seles opened the match with the relish of old, reducing Testud to the part of a helpless spectator. Perhaps that proved the undoing of Seles: she no longer craves the taste of a brutal victory.

Seles had induced a raised arm from her first-round opponent, who celebrated winning her first game in the second set. It happened again yesterday, Testud saluting the crowd after holding the opening game in set two. Her relief seemed justified as Seles, 23, bore down on her with all her renowned menace. Yet the match suddenly turned on its head, with Testud gaining in stature and Seles quickly reduced to a pale imitation. As Testud admitted after her 0-6, 6-4, 8-6 victory: "I was just happy to win my first game."

These, to be sure, are hard times for Seles. Her father, Karol, is back in the United States nursing stomach cancer while she travels around Europe with Ester, her mother. Mention of this last week had all but reduced Seles to tears. Of course, her father's illness compounds Seles's own tribulations over the stabbing that she suffered from a deranged fan in Hamburg four years ago. Only the scars in her back have properly healed.



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Of equal concern to Seles is her perplexing habit of throwing away a winning position. In each of her last three defeats — against Hingis in Paris, Schultz-McCarthy at Eastbourne and now here — Seles held a 5-2 advantage before capsizing like a ruptured vessel. It is all so alien to the teenager who swept to the top within a steely ring of confidence.

Seles even held a match point at 6-5 in the final set. However, she had been holed below the waterline three games earlier when, at 5-3, she

allowed an umpire's overrule to break her concentration. "It didn't come at a great time but I shouldn't have let it bother me that much," she said. Here was the ultimate denouement: a leading player unable to do what she knew, from experience, was for the best.

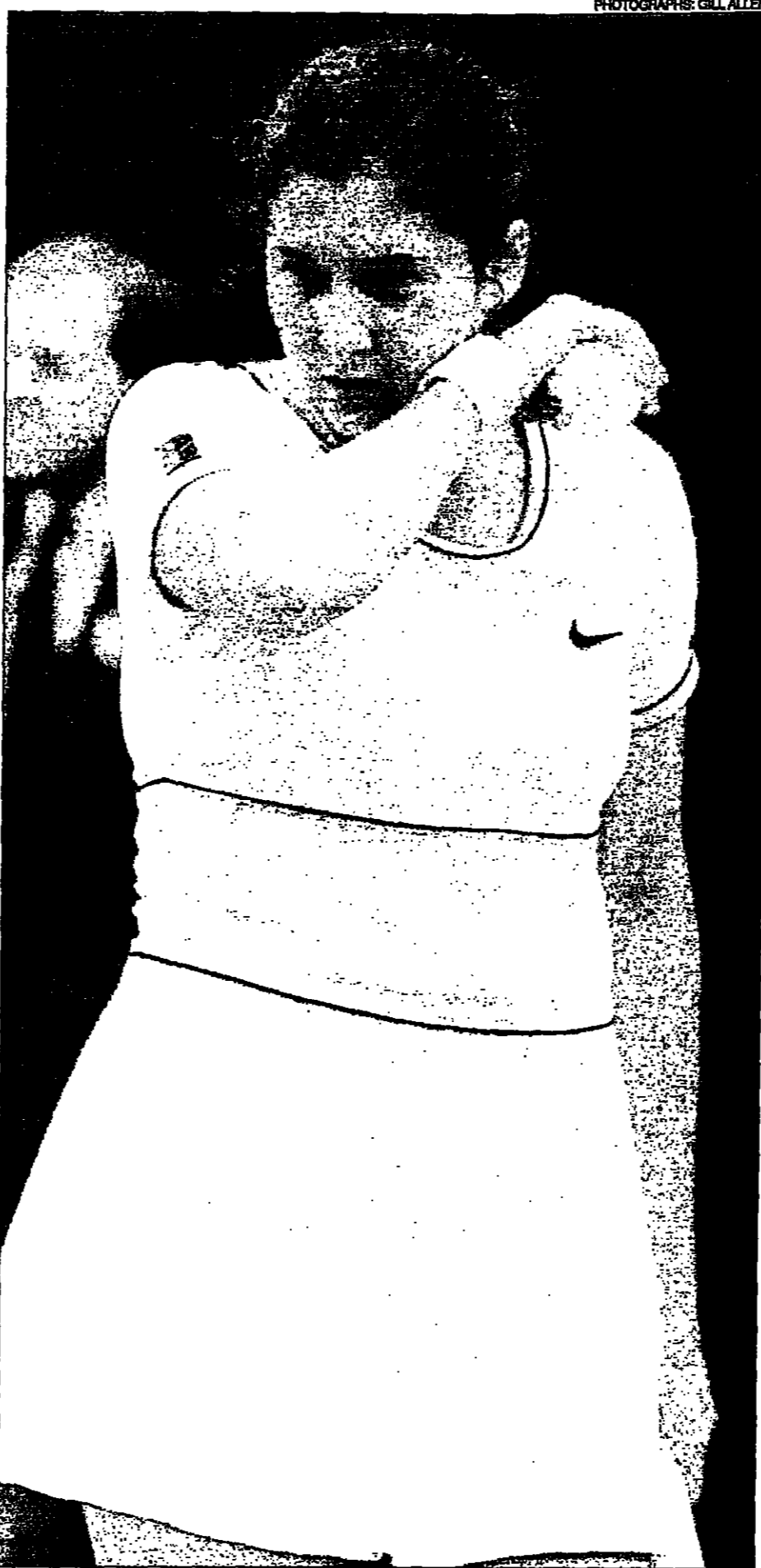
Perhaps Testud's own recent experience offers the antidote to some of Seles's ills. Testud, 25, is in love. She cited it as a factor in getting control of her weight, for her improved form and, doubtless, for her more positive state of mind. She had never progressed beyond the second round at Wimbledon; now she is world-ranked No 23 and faces her compatriot, Nathalie Tauziat, for a quarter-final place.

After the carnage of Sunday, when six women's seeds were defeated, Seles was the only such casualty. Jana Novotna, herself afflicted by a lack of belief, advanced purposefully to the fourth round with a comprehensive victory. Seles's absence from Novotna's section of the draw should give her heart, if not quite the conviction to redeem her defeat by Steffi Graf in the final four years ago.

Aranxa Sanchez Vicario, another facile winner yesterday, effectively stands between Novotna and a projected match with Martina Hingis in the final on Saturday. This is beginning to look more and more like a dream run for Hingis, whose passage was greatly aided by the weekend defeats of Brenda Schultz-McCarthy and Lindsay Davenport.

Unlike Hingis, Pete Sampras will almost certainly have to beat fellow seeds in his next four matches if he is to add to the three titles that he already possesses. Indeed, among eight seeds in the top half of the draw, Andre Medvedev became only the second to perish when he was beaten by Nicholas Kiefer, of Germany, in four sets. Kiefer simply wanted it more than Medvedev, whose demeanour rarely reflected his fortunes throughout the match. Britain's Davis Cup team would love to find Medvedev, of Ukraine, in similar mood in Kiev next week.

Yevgeni Kafelnikov and Patrick Rafter, seeded No 3 and No 12 respectively, have made stealthy progress throughout the championships and both advanced to the last 16 yesterday with something to spare. Perhaps Rafter, who has yet to sample the Centre Court, is quietly pleased: the famed surface has cut up badly since Saturday. The court's condition, however, is giving no cause for concern, officials insisting that a favourable breeze will quickly transform the arena. It would also do wonders for the fortunes of Monica Seles.



The strain of impending defeat shows on the face of Seles, but it is all smiles for Testud as she acclaims her victory over the No 2 seed yesterday



Tyson enjoys unlikely support

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN LAS VEGAS

WITH the Nevada State Athletic Commission preparing to sit down today to consider what action to take against Mike Tyson for his disgraceful behaviour in the ring here last Saturday, a call for leniency came from an unexpected quarter yesterday. While Evander Holyfield, who retained his World Boxing Association heavyweight championship when Tyson was disqualified from their bout here for biting, said that Tyson did not deserve to be given another chance, his trainer, Don Turner, announced that he believed that Tyson should be allowed to carry on boxing.

"They should allow Tyson to carry on boxing," Turner said. "They should fine him big, but without boxing I just don't know what would happen to him."

"The problem is that he has got too many hangers-on

around him. These are the guys that ought to be banned, they are the ones who have made him what he is. They are supposed to help him, but all they've done is live off him."

Holyfield's attorney and adviser, Jim Thomas, who is considering suing Tyson, said that as far as Holyfield is concerned, he will have nothing to do with Tyson until he has apologised. "For a start, he's got to be totally honest, own up to everything, saying he was wrong," Thomas said. "He's got to admit there's a pattern of self-destruction in him. He's got to pledge to mend his ways."

The MGM Grand hotel and casino, which has a contract to put on one more Tyson fight, is holding its cards close to its chest, but its reluctance to say something seems to imply that it is considering its legal position regarding its deal with Don King, Tyson's promoter. The MGM president, Alex Yemenidjian, said two days

ago that he wanted to meet King and Showtime, the cable television company, to extend the contract with Tyson, but yesterday he would not see the press and his director of public relations, Bill Doak, merely said: "No comment on the Tyson situation."

Viewers who bought pay-per-view tickets to see the contest on television at \$59.95 (about £35) through Prime Cable will not be receiving

any refunds, Steve Schorr, a company director, said, adding that, while the company had received a huge number of complaints about the stoppage of the contest in the third round, "the complaints were not as bad as in the past."

The first meeting between Tyson and Holyfield reached \$1.6 million sales, but this one is expected to be far bigger. Schorr said: "It was an event, whether you liked it or hated it, that people will be talking about forever."

Yet while there were sympathetic voices in Las Vegas yesterday, the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) reacted angrily to Tyson's behaviour. Writing to Marc Ratner, chief executive of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, John Morris, the general secretary of the BBBC, said: "In Britain, we have watched in horror as Mike Tyson desecrated boxing on Saturday night. Now world boxing will be watching Nevada for action."

"Obviously, you may know mitigating circumstances that we could not, but it does seem as if only the sternest of decisions can rescue the image of the sport. It is a tragedy that what should have been one of the great events in boxing history has been brought low, but we must be positive and look ahead. We will support strong action and it is my conviction that the sport needs a world control that everyone must heed."

Henman looks for repeat performance

By JULIAN MUSCAT

TWELVE months ago, Richard Krajicek rode the magic carpet from relative anonymity to Wimbledon champion. Now, he threatens to obstruct British progress in a week of mounting excitement. Victory over Tim Henman today would project the Dutchman towards a potential semi-final with Greg Rusedski.

Yet Henman, his confidence now rising like a rich sap, would not hear of defeat on departing the practice grounds yesterday. Having downed Krajicek's compatriot, Paul Haarhuis, in the match of the tournament on Sunday, he is thirsty for another measure of Dutch courage.

It is probably to Henman's advantage that he has never previously jousting with Krajicek. Although neither's game will surprise the other when they step on to Centre Court, Henman may have identified a chink in the champion's armour. "If things are not going well, he can get a little bit down on himself," the British No 1 said. "It would be a good thing to give him something to get down about."

It would be good, too, for Henman's swelling army of sitting-room supporters. An estimated 12.7 million viewers watched the conclusion to his match with Haarhuis on BBC2, the figure rising by one million every 15 minutes throughout the deciding set. It was the highest recorded Wimbledon audience since 13.6 million saw Andre Agassi outlast Goran Ivanisevic over five sets in the 1992 final. Should Henman make the final on Sunday, audiences figures would surely threaten the 1980 Wimbledon record, when 17.3 million saw Bjorn Borg land his fifth consecutive title at the expense of John McEnroe.

That scenario remains a long way off. Not only can Krajicek summon a powerful service, he volleys with aplomb behind it. Henman recognises that opportunities to break will be few — hence the emphasis on service returns when he knocked out with Jeremy Bates, formerly the British No 1, yesterday.

Henman's exercise routine was prompted by the length of his struggle with Haarhuis. At

two minutes short of four hours, it was, he said, probably the longest he has spent on court, certainly the longest concluding set he has played. "I was a little bit apprehensive about how I would feel after that match, but I am absolutely fine," he said. "Hopefully, I will get the crowd behind me again. I am very confident and looking forward to it."

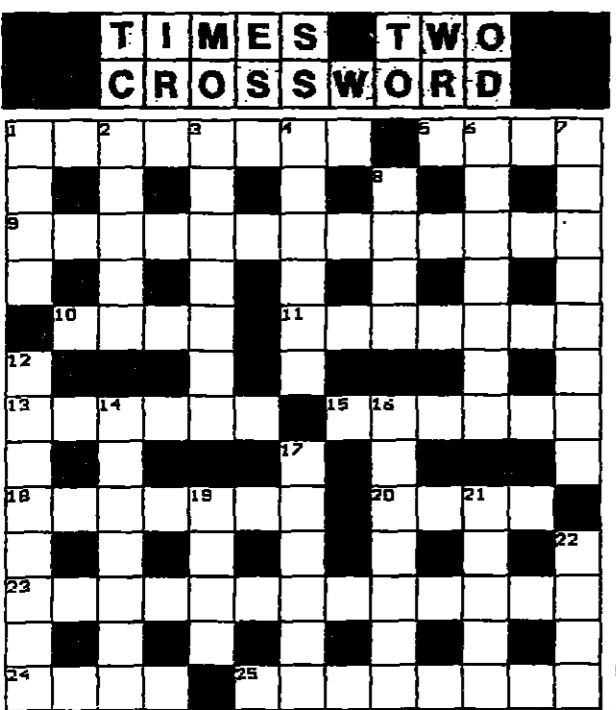
The tenacity Henman displayed in beating Haarhuis bodes well. "I feel mentally tough enough, resilient enough, to keep winning," he said. "As the youngest of three brothers, I had to stand up for myself. I am a bit stubborn and I have always been very competitive." As much was clear in practice as he strained to retrieve a meaningless drop shot.



Henman: determined

Henman's progress has been foreshadowed by his status: he is seeded No 14. Rusedski, by contrast, has reached the last 16 the hard way, bettering Mark Philippoussis, with whom he shares the tournament's fastest serve — 138mph — Jonathan Stark, another powerful server, and Andrew Richardson.

Rusedski had stolen Henman's thunder prior to Henman's Sunday best. Today, on No 1 Court, Rusedski will be glad of second billing for he starts favourite in his pairing with the unseeded American, Richey Reneberg. Whereas Henman must raise his game to beat Krajicek, a reproduction of Rusedski's existing repertoire should more than suffice.



No 1134

ACROSS

- 1 Dejected (8)
- 5 Go first; a metal (4)
- 9 Very apprehensive (2,11)
- 10 Item in wardrobe; sounds like go away (4)
- 11 Turn turtle (7)
- 12 A rise (6)
- 15 Solidify; feel cold (6)
- 18 Part of book: cathedral body (7)
- 20 Enormous (4)
- 23 (Repeat) without understanding (6,7)
- 24 No of ladies dancing sent by true love (4)
- 25 Measure of slope (8)

DOWN

- 1 Sink; tiny amount of liquid (4)
- 2 Wise woman once (5)
- 3 Doom (7)
- 4 Oration (6)
- 6 Arousing feelings (7)
- 7 Make unity (8)
- 8 Convey; a craft (4)
- 12 Cooking vessel (8)
- 14 Mortification (7)
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- 19 Helped oneself to (4)
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- 22 Single entity (4)

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